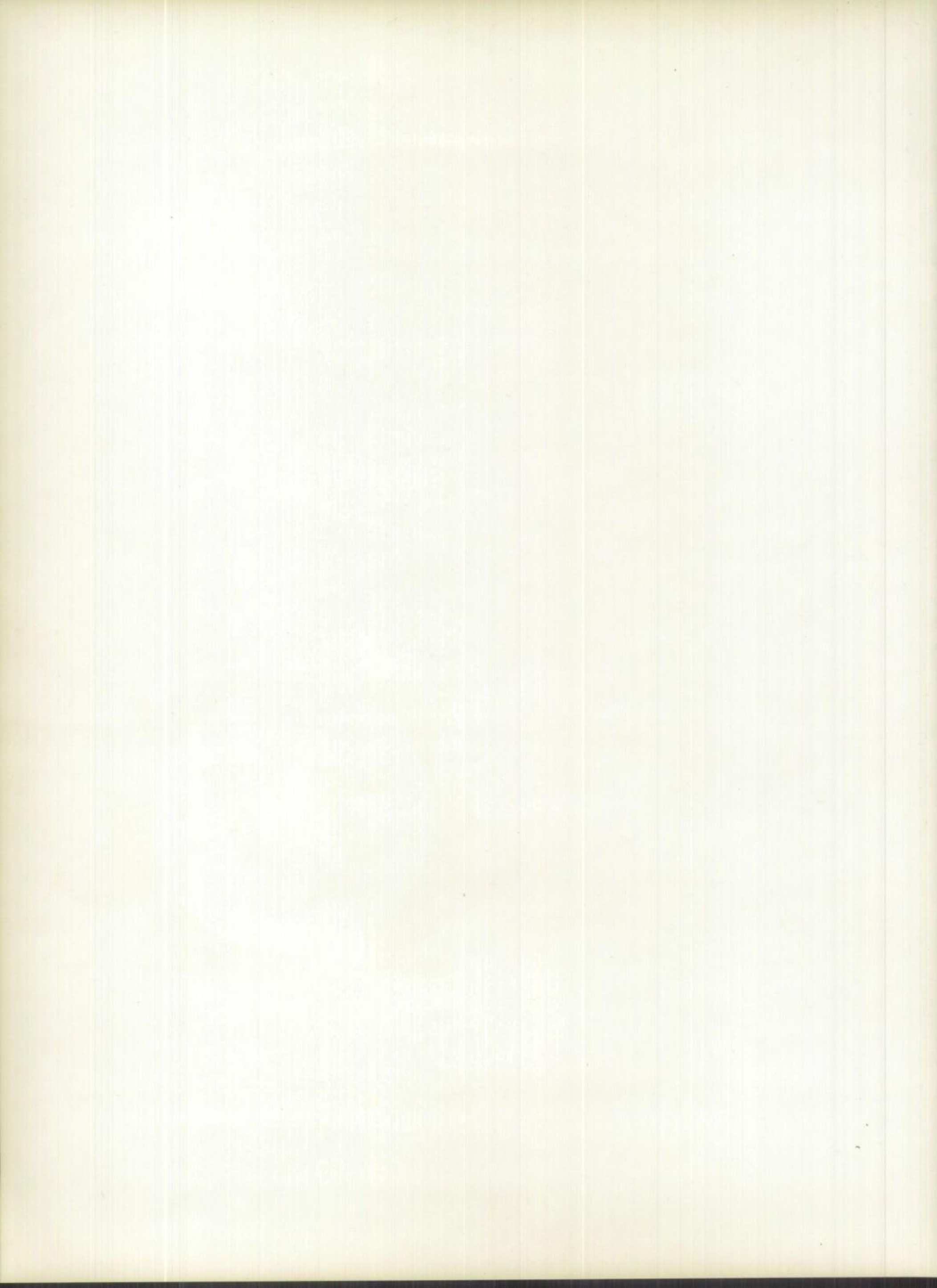




getting it together...





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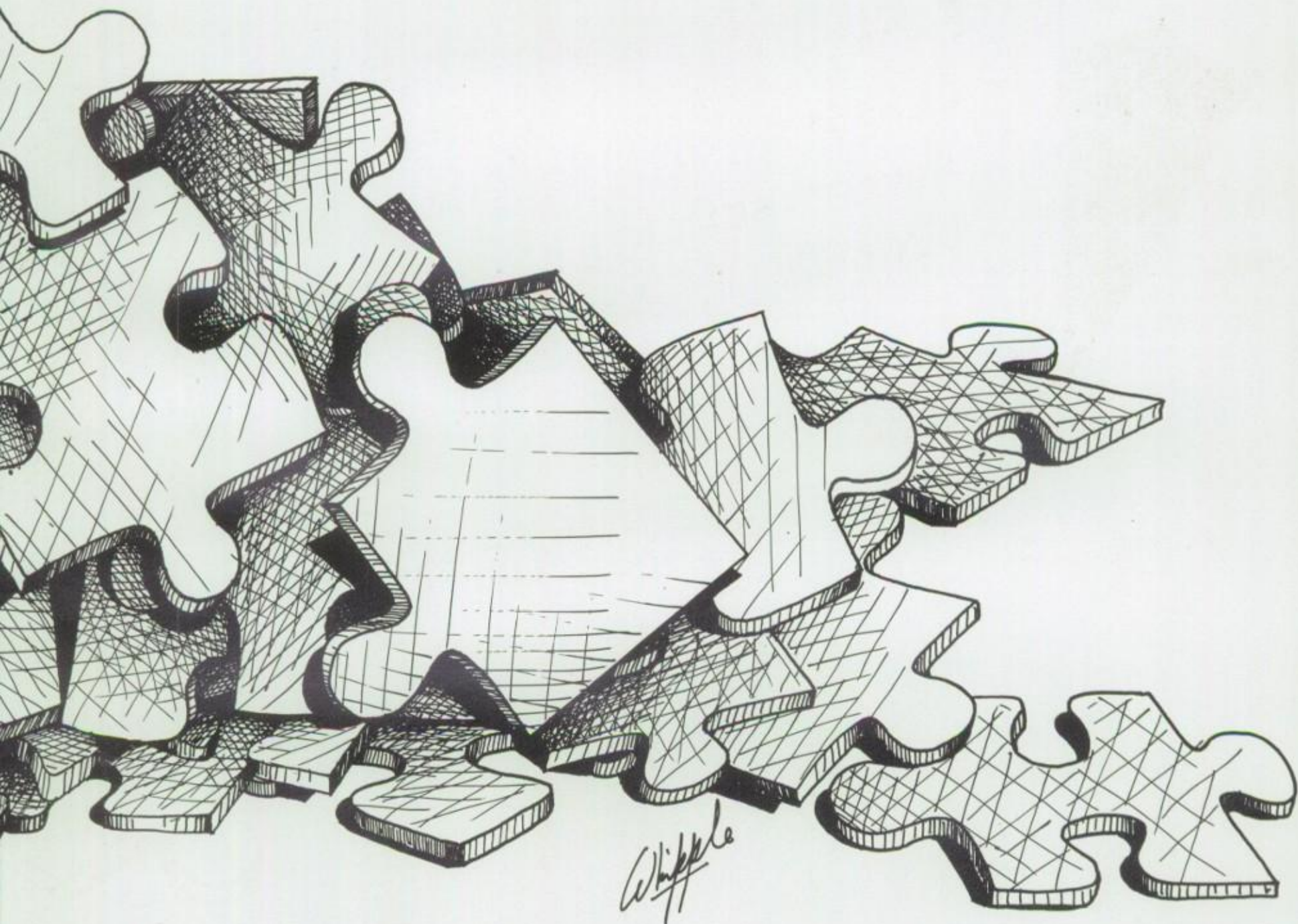
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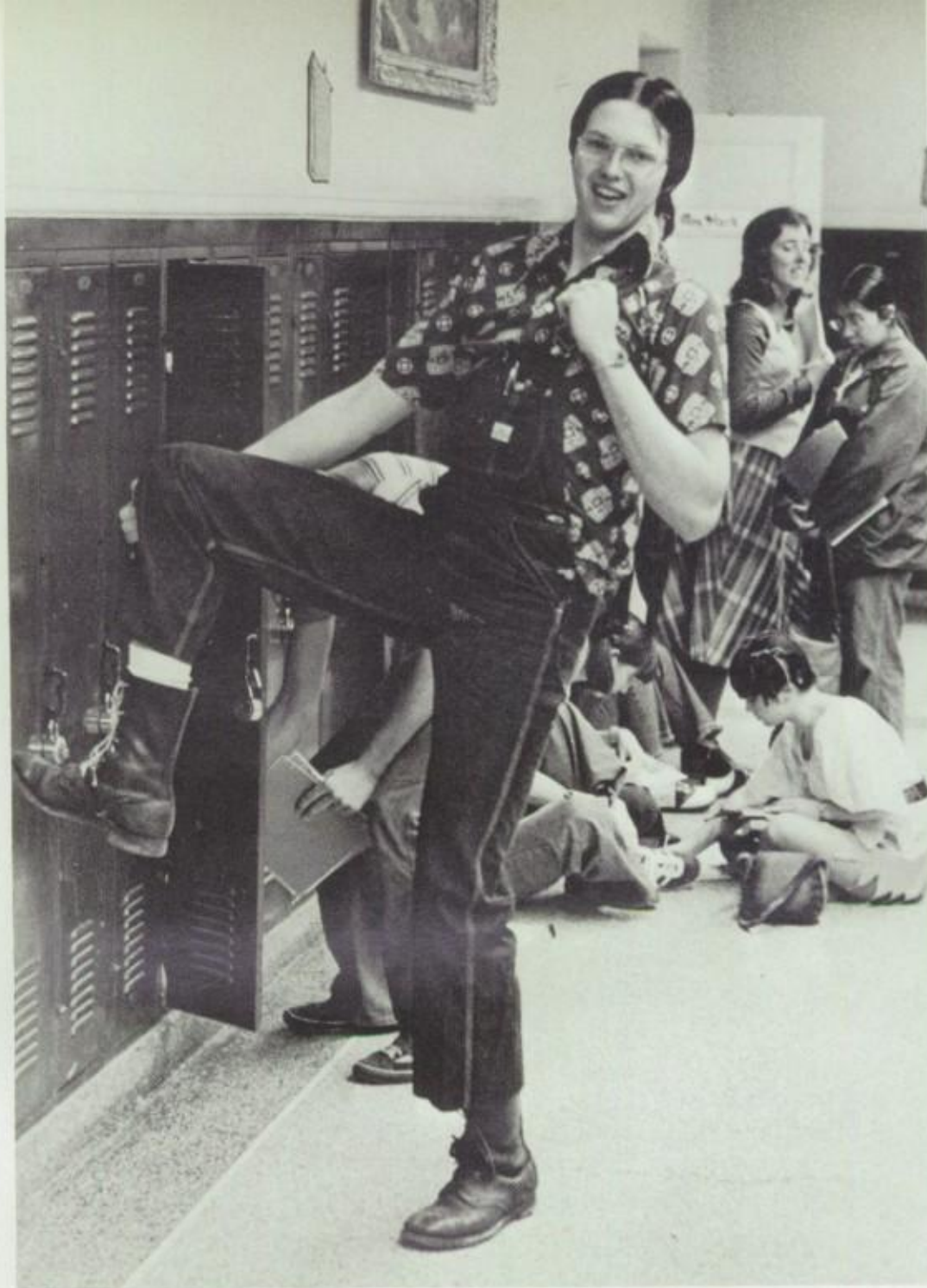




we, like pieces of a puzzle,
have formed this year
no two pieces exactly alike
to one piece we add another
then another
realizing
that without every piece
we can't be complete

to start the puzzle:
take one piece
and then begin...





Any puzzle, until it is solved, is nothing but a series of mind-boggling questions. Some people enjoy the challenge of puzzles, eagerly questing for the correct solutions. Others, however, are often either afraid to or don't feel the desire to solve the puzzle. Every school, like every family, community and country; is composed of both kinds of individuals: the puzzle-solvers and those who won't take the puzzle out of its box.

Putting a puzzle together is often tricky, infuriating and always time-consuming. In a way our growing up, especially high school, is like a puzzle. We turn the pieces over again and again looking for big and small answers about our lives.

Each piece we eventually add to the frame further shapes, identifies and gives value to our being. As the puzzle reaches some degree of completeness we can see that the

pieces grab on to each other, influencing in many ways the overall design.

Our relationship to school is like the relationship of one puzzle piece to another. It takes several pieces fitting together to begin to see the picture. School is full of many of those essential pieces: classes, activities, sports, organizations, events and most importantly people.

to another. It takes fitting several pieces together to begin to see the whole picture. School is full of many of those essential pieces in our lives: classes, activities, sports, organizations, events and most importantly people.

In the coming years as we can better see the overall design of ourselves we can look back to 1977 and see just how nicely some of those small pieces do fit together.

...making decisions—
where does it go?
how does it fit?
what next?
different people—
different answers





One decision many students made this year directly concerned money. The decision: I NEED MONEY! The resulting questions: HOW? WHERE?

Many students worked at clothing stores, grocery stores and restaurants to earn money for a variety of things ranging from college to cars.

This practical, survivalistic side of many students pushed the ACHS student part-time employment rate to nearly 70 per cent, a January 14 ARKLIGHT survey reported.

Florence Stephens, counselor, said that she thought part-time jobs were hard to come by and that employed students were trying hard to stay employed.

To stay employed often meant that a student had to work one of both nights of the weekend. In an ARKLIGHT article, Senior Teri Sanders reported that part-time jobs interfered with study time and social life of students. Sanders reported, though, that Arkansas City managers generally tried to be fair about weekend hours. Most managers scheduled students for only one weekend night per week,

Sanders said.

Although jobs were hard to find it didn't discourage students from

applying. Dale Dickerson, TG&Y manager, said that he had over 300 applications on file from high school students this year.

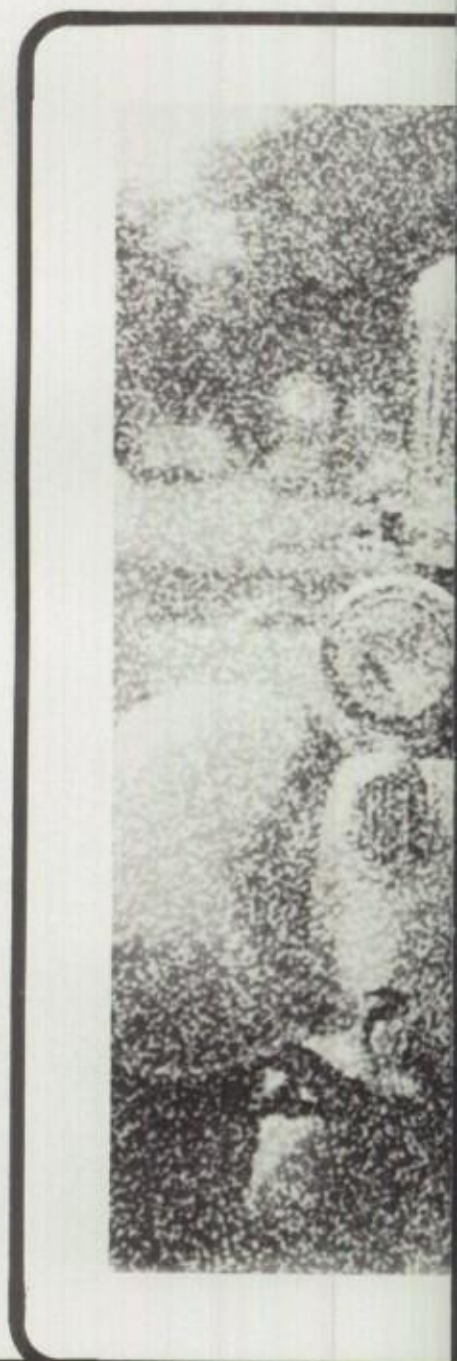
Stephens also said that students who were serious about getting jobs had to make their own arrangements to contact businesses because ACHS didn't have a job placement program for part-time jobs. Sometimes employers notified ACHS when they had an available job, but that wasn't very often, said Stephens.

It seemed, therefore, that a part-time job involved several decisions. Retiring Social Science teacher Raymond Judd said that outside activities, such as jobs, had increased so much that it explained why students were deciding not to get involved in school activities.

For many students that part-time job, like it or not, substituted for involvement in school activities. The decision by students involved weighing the benefits of each activity and then opting for the money.

growing up—
like solving a puzzle
each year pieces are added
rearranged
and sometimes discarded

growing up—
learning when to say yes
and how to say
no





With the increasing problem of the energy shortages resulting in higher and higher gasoline prices, it would have seemed that the 20th century high school phenomena of "draggin' main" would have gone the way of the LaSalle, the DeSoto and the Hula Hoop.

As lifestyles change, forced or not forced, we must learn to adapt but in Arkansas City students said NO to eliminating one important lifestyle. No matter what month it was and no matter what price the gas pumps read, Summit Avenue stayed busy.

But just what is "draggin' main"? It is getting a set of "wheels," a souped-up Ford of your own or the parents' Chevy. The ceremony then includes driving north or south on Summit Avenue, teasing and challenging other drivers to match their car against yours. Summit Avenue, the busiest street in Arkansas City, was the theater for this "show of shows" because the audience was large and free.

In September, October, April and May students parked in closed gas

stations along Summit to observe firsthand "draggin' main," hollering out the car window periodically at passersby. Popular parking spaces included Safeway, Jim's Apco, Montgomery Wards and the Conoco station, torn down in April to make way for a bakery. Students without "wheels" camped out on park benches at Wilson Park, occasionally toying frisbees to break the monotony.

From November to April, Summit Avenue parking lots still had afterhours parkers. It was easy to tell who they were; the ones with the blaring heaters and buzzing CB radios. Students who were allergic to the cold weather moved out of the parking lots and into various hangouts.

To tell who was in a favorite winter hangout it simply took a fast flip around the parking lot.

Even after newly-elected President Jimmy Carter announced on April 20 that a gas tax was imminent, "draggin' main" felt no slow down. It was impenetrable.

puzzles and growing up—
no answers
without the right questions
some questions
are a person's struggle
to define his being—
how do I fit in?
do I want to fit in?





One question that students pulled from the back of their consciousness several times this year as fashion trends came and went was: Is that for me?

For students who felt that a free spirit meant free dress they could make themselves feel right at home this year at ACHS because the dress code had been changed by the USD 470 Board of Education over the summer. Students could wear advertising t-shirts and males could wear mustaches and long hair the board said.

Some students, however, felt the need to fit into the fashion world. Some of the fabulous fashions and fads that could be seen at ACHS this year were doubled pierced ears, gauchos, t-shirts with advertising or stars, feathered-back hairstyles, curly tops, wedges and the Dorothy Hamil and Farrah Fawcett looks, boots for every style, large plastic framed glasses, painter's pants, jeans of every size and style, and knee-length dresses.

The most popular fads outside of school were CB radios and eating sunflower seeds, which was done not only outside of classes but during classes as well.

ACHS students who felt this need to identify with fads did so for a variety of reasons.

Tracy Patton, junior, when asked why she got her ears doubled pierced, said, "I want two pair of diamond ear rings when I get married."

Kim Krueger, sophomore, when asked why she wore the new style of knee length dresses replied, "They're more comfortable to wear you're not always worrying like with the short dresses."

Ruth Griesel, junior, commented on fashion boots, "I wear boots to be in style, I wear them with pants and dresses."

Jan Louderback, sophomore, when asked the reason why she got glasses with large plastic frames, replied, "The selection to chose from wasn't very good, the styles were all large framed."

Karen Baucus, junior, said about painter's pants, "They're comfortable and they go with a lot of clothes."

Dirk Trent and Roy Hadicke, both seniors, came up with several reasons why they wore t-shirts. They said they wore t-shirts to:

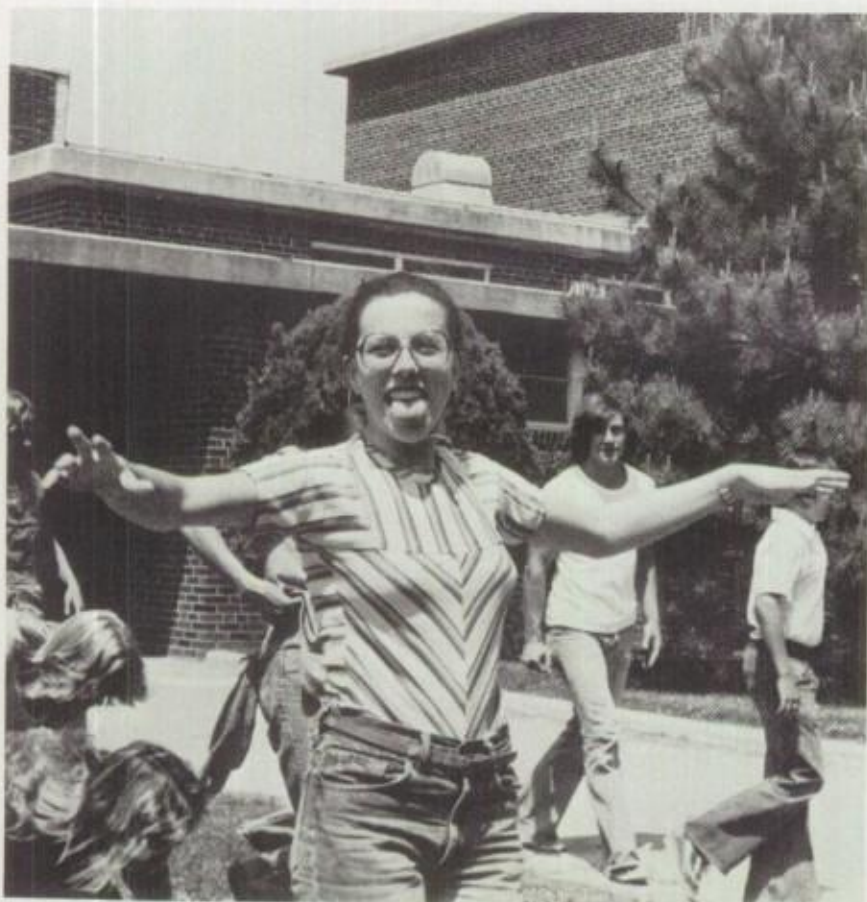
1. Show off their bodies,
2. To be cool,
3. Because t-shirts were easy to move around in,
4. because they went well with jeans and
5. because it was all they had.

Melinda Hopkins, junior



the family—
sometimes a haven
other times a maze
its influence is inescapable

the family—
not all the answers are there
we must also branch out





"My family—it's a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there."

When most of us woke up in the mornings this year, we got up and left our families and went about our daily business. Not all of us could make that claim though.

What would it have been like to have a parent at school? For that matter, what would it have been like to have your child at school?

There were several parent—child legacies at ACHS this year. Willa Howerton, business teacher, had a Sophomore son Stan attending ACHS. J.C. Louderback's daughter, Jan, was a sophomore this year. School secretary Lillie Sadowsky's daughter Diana was also a sophomore. But taking the prize was Counselor Richard Hawkins who had two sons at ACHS, Jeff and Rick.

There were some advantages to this arrangement. One of the advantages was "good parking," said Jan Louderback.

"My mom reminds me of activities," said Stan Howerton.

Sophomore Jeff Hawkins said that his father knew about the new enrolling system and could help him.

There were not too many disadvantages to this arrangement, the students said.

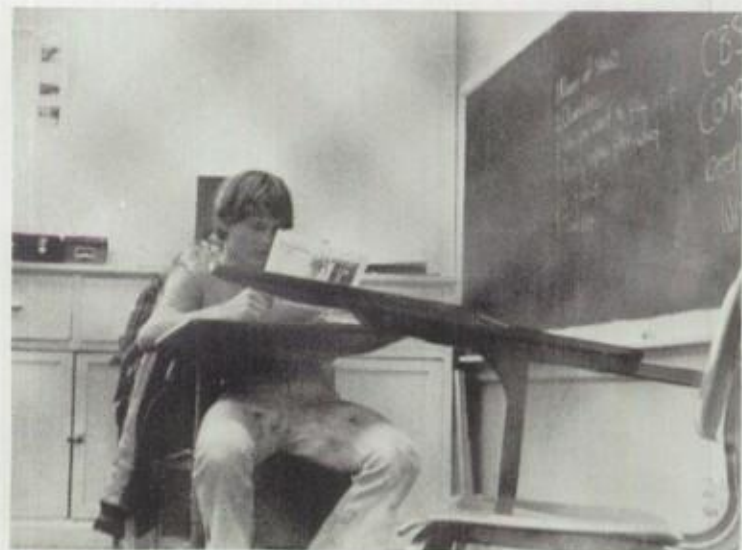
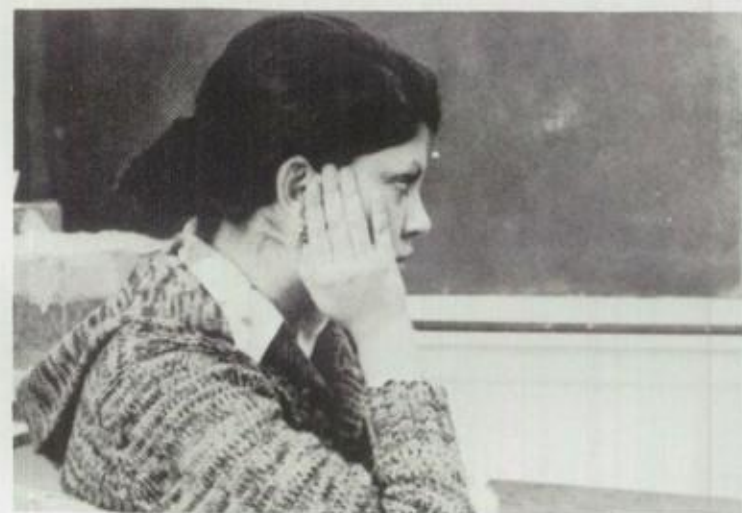
Rick Hawkins, senior, said that the only thing that bothered was when someone said something bad about his father and then they realized that Rick is his son.

"All of a sudden they start talking real nice about my father," said Hawkins. "I'd rather they just say what they feel and be truthful. Then also if they don't have anything nice to say, I'd rather they didn't say anything."

Jan Louderback said that one of the disadvantages was that teachers would threaten to tell her father when she got in trouble.

But what was it like for the teachers? Howerton, Louderback and Hawkins said that there wasn't much of a difference having their own children at ACHS. Louderback said that he had had his older son in class and had treated him just the same as the rest of the students.

Jody Iverson, junior



the whole—
is the sum of our experiences
nearly half of our experience
this year
is
school
how important is it?

Undoubtedly the biggest change at ACHS put into effect this year was Arena Enrollment. But what is it? "Confusing." "A pain in the butt." "The answer to computer error. HA."

No matter what dreaded malady students and teacher perceived it to be, by noon, May 25 we had survived it for the first time.

But why?

Pre-enrollment was the first step; where all sophomores and juniors made class selections while meeting with their advisor on March 14.

The next step was forming a Master Schedule based on student preference. The Master Schedule resembled a grade school grid. Once the Master Schedule was made available students were able to select the classes they wanted at the time they wanted or could take it. Also students were able to possibly select what teacher they wanted to have for the class.

"This should cut down the changes in the students and class-

es," said Chase. After these steps had been completed Chase said, "This has gone easily so far and should work out alright and be fine."

On May 10 the sophomores and juniors met during 1st hour to go over this Master Schedule.

Then on May 24 and 25, there were no classes so that the freshman could officially enroll on the morning of the May 24 and then the juniors enrolled on the afternoon of May 24 and the morning of May 25. Sophomores enrolled on the afternoon of May 25.

Each student met to enroll at a given time on those days according to the first letter of their last name. The alphabet was divided into five parts and a drawing was held to determine what students would go in what order. That way the A's didn't necessarily have an advantage over the Z's.

Enrollment was in the Girls' Gym on May 24 and 25. Considering the newness of the procedure, everything went in an orderly style with

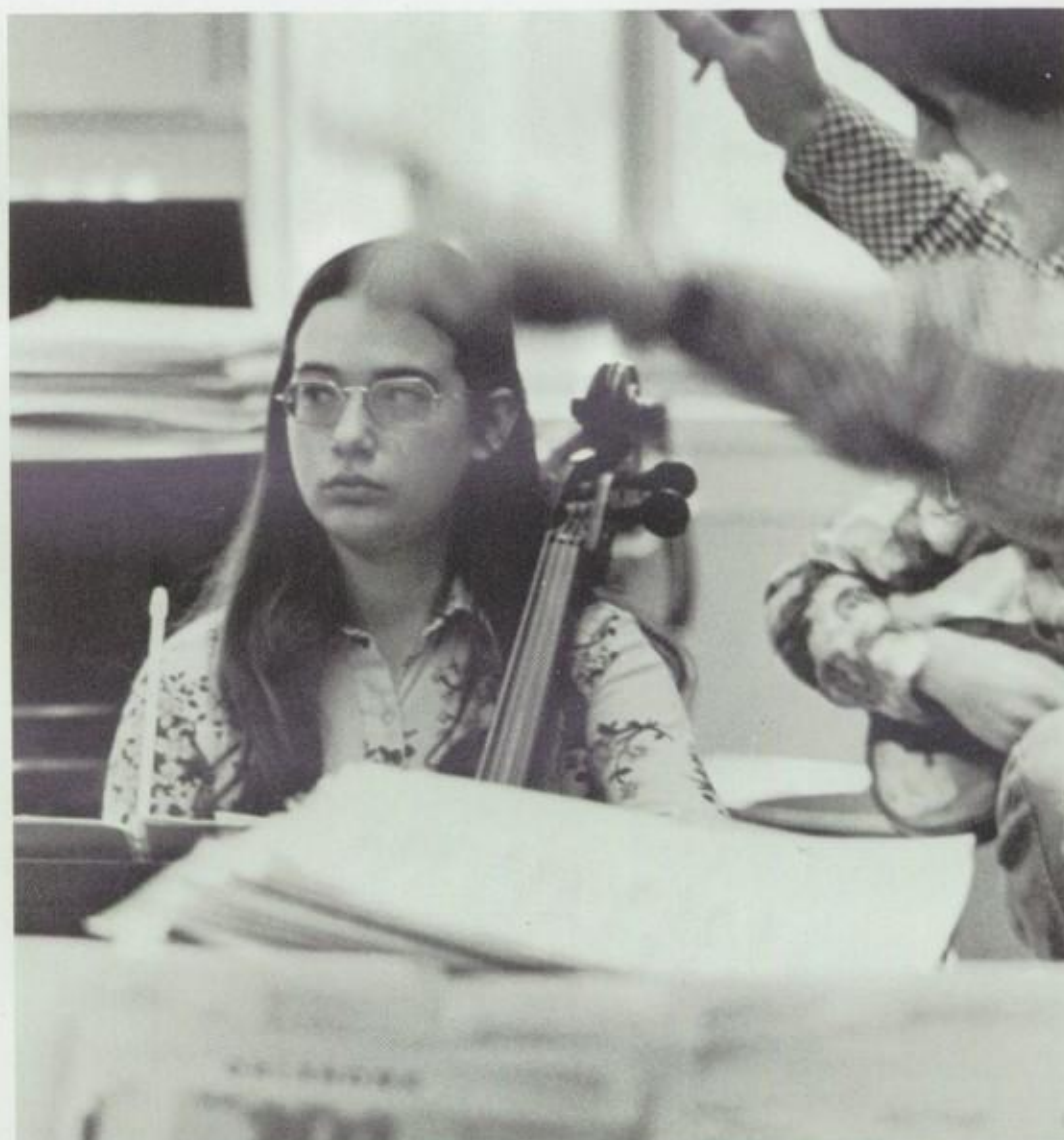
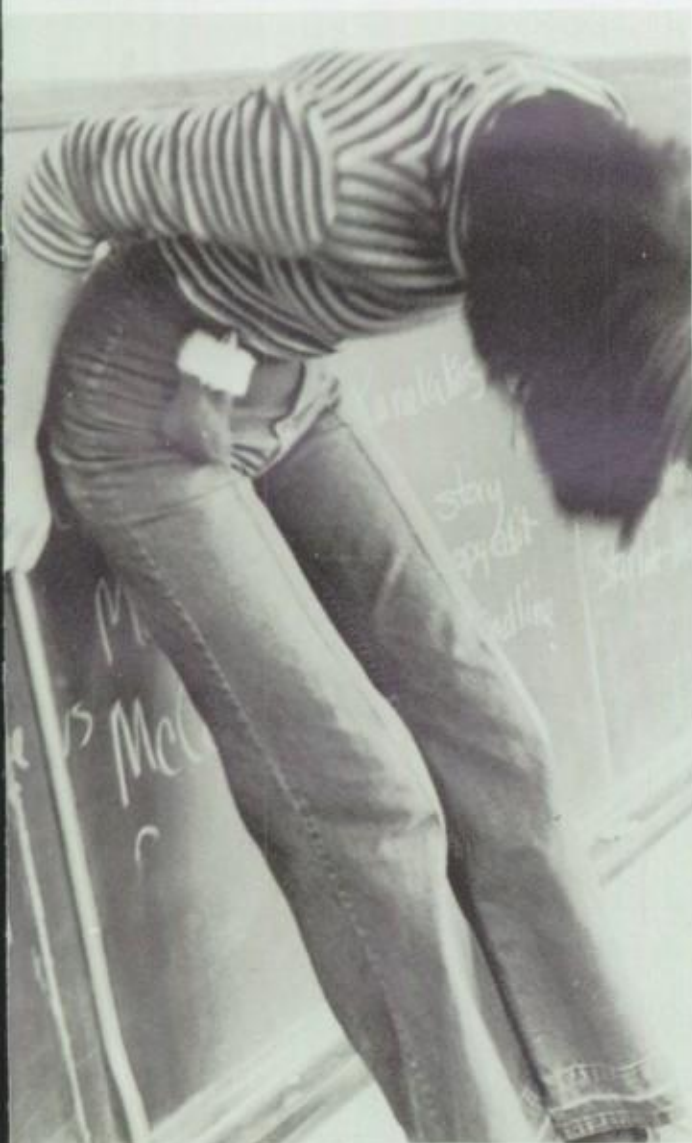
counselors, staff and teachers helping out students.

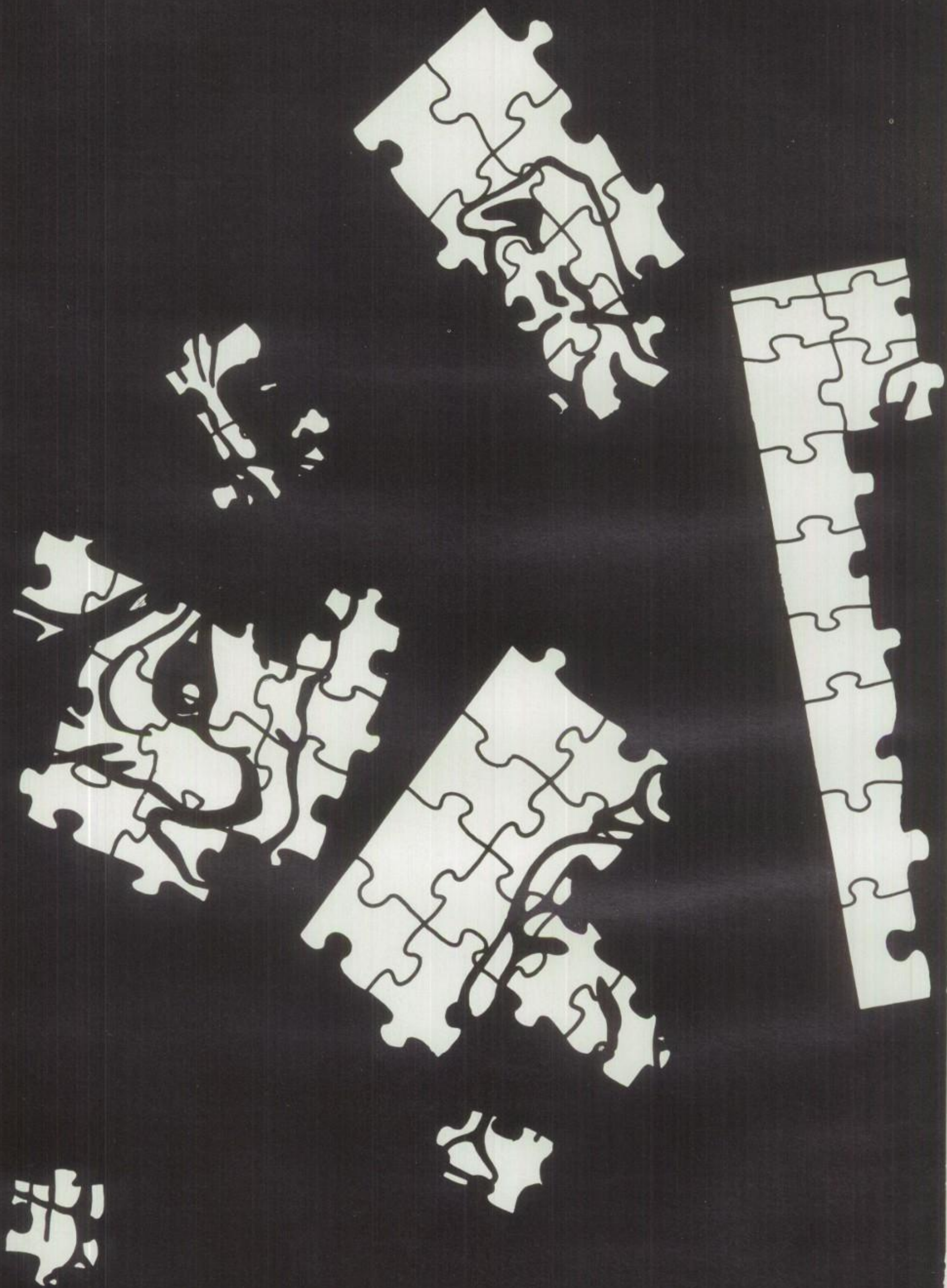
It was during this time that Subject Assignment Card was made out and given to the student listing every class, and hour.

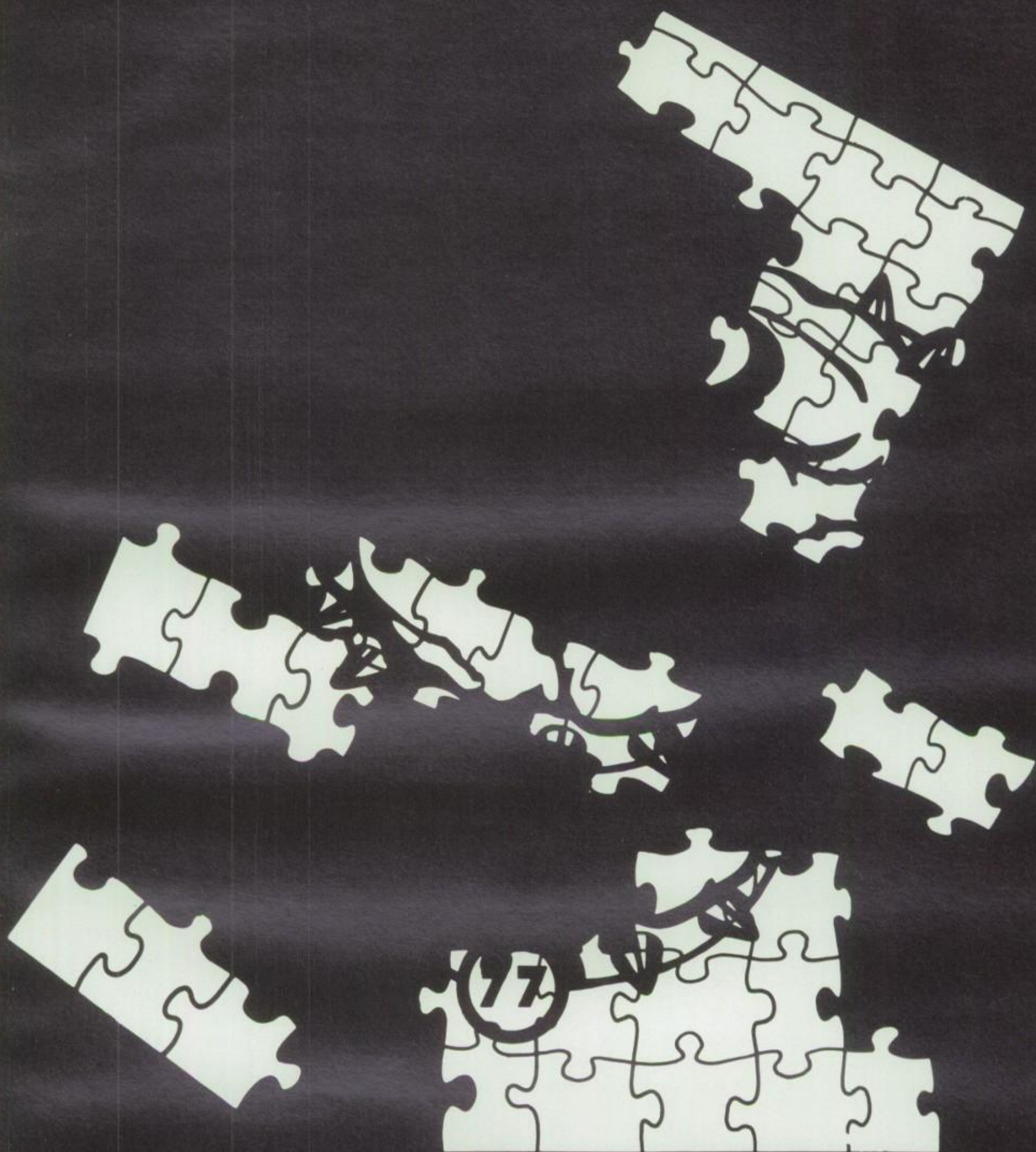
The last step of enrollment was for students to fill out schedules and information sheets. With this the culmination of the three-month enrollment process was completed.

There were three main reasons why ACHS switched to this kind of enrollment, Principal Richard Chase said. "Teachers and students have more control over class sizes and schedules, the computer couldn't tell the difference between 10 and 500 students that would be in each class," said Chase. The third reason Chase said, "I have used this system for four or five years and I like it." He said that he thought once everyone had gone through the process that ACHS would agree that it was a much better system than in the past.

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A.C. Players Sell Wishes

"To be or not to be," wasn't the only question that A.C. Players asked this year. More often it was "Where am I supposed to stand?" "Is upstage up or down?" "More volume—how?" and "What is a Beeple?"

A.C. Players, the dramatic group that finances the two yearly plays, was very active this year. Their main money-making project was "Heart-o-grams," for which the demand was so great that the supply ran out.

In their dramatic fete, some members of A.C. Players participated in a local disaster drill. They all played the same part: bus crash victims.

A.C. Players also had a Christmas party, a Spring party and sophomore initiation.

Active members in A.C. Players nominated the actresses and actors for the Best Performances and Supporting Performances awards. Teachers who had attended both plays during the year then voted on that list. Winners this year were

Laura McCann (Granny in "On Borrowed Time"), best performance by an actress; Jaime Givens (Gramps in "On Borrowed Time"), best performance by an actor; Camy Stamps (Miss Webb in "The Beeple"), best supporting performance by an actress; and Don Miller (Mr. Brink in "On Borrowed Time"), best supporting performance by an actor.

1976-77 A.C. Players officers were Jayne Alexander, president; Laura Londeen, vice-president; Georgia Morrison, secretary-treasurer; and Camy Stamps, Stuco representative. Laura Tilson, junior

1976-77 A.C. Players officers—Back Row: Dejon Ewing, sponsor; Camy Stamps, Stuco representative; Georgia Morrison, secretary-treasurer. Row 1: Laura Londeen, vice-president; Jane Alexander, president.

2. A.C. Players—Back Row: Renee Robeson, Jane Alexander, Laura Londeen, Camy Stamps, Cindy Meyers, Rebecca Radcliff, Karen Larson. Row 3: Selina Downing, Kevin Hine, Dirk Trent, Laura McCann, Kim Roberts, Pam. Patterson. Row 2: Billy Campbell, Greg Jurrens, Dayle Larson. Row 1: Becky Lahman, Dee Jurrens, Georgia Morrison.



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Crews: Backstage Heroes

Students at ACHS often attend play productions and lose themselves in the characters on stage. More often than not, however, students never stop to consider what goes on behind the scenes. It is here where the most important work is done: the crew work.

Dejon Ewing, English teacher and drama director, said that the crew members were of vital importance to the cast and that in spite of the cramped conditions under which they worked that they had done a remarkable job this year.

The behind stage space is extremely limited. • More than three-fourths of the stage is filled with sets and props so that crew members found themselves squeezing between pieces of furniture, fences, walls and other objects in order to get their jobs done. Those who worked the lights have, at times, been totally confined and confused in their designated three-foot square area amidst a mass of switches that must be turned on at precisely the right moment in the exact combination.

Todd Whipple, junior, who helped on the crew for the spring play, "On Borrowed Time," said, "The crew was like one big family. Everyone helped everyone else."

The crew is faced with many problems and situations in which they must prove their ability to cope. In spite of all their hard work, they have never received proper recognition. This year the MIRROR wishes to honor the crew and recognize their achievements.

Rene Robson, junior

3. Crew members Dee Jurrens, Greg Jurrens, Cindy Miller and Jane Alexander do last-minute tinkering on the set of "On Borrowed Time."

4. A.C. Players Best Performance Awards—Back Row: Don Miller, best supporting actor; Camy Stamps, best supporting actress. Row 1: Laura McCann, best actress; Jaime Givens, best actor.

5. Cindy Meyers, Laura Londeen, Rebecca Radcliff and Pam Patterson strengthen one of the flats with nails and wood during dress rehearsal.

6. Junior Todd Whipple is distracted from painting sets for "On Borrowed Time."



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'Beeple,' 'On Borrowed Time' Make Headlines

Both dramatic productions at ACHS this year took large audiences from their seats in the Auditorium to different worlds of fantasy.

"The Beeple," the Fall play, began as an alien intruder, John Willy (Dayle Larson); landed in a world where bees think they are people. After the scene had been set the plot of "The Beeple" seemed typical: bee likes bee, bee loses bee, bee gets bee back again. In this case, bee (Humble played by Don Miller) loses bee (Sweebee played by Marianne Spear) to Wossup the Terrible (Jaime Givens) and his cohorts: Black Beetle (Dee Jurrens), Ornit (Laura Tilson) and Miss Webb (Camy Stamps).

This band of savage insects was out to steal the Golden Secret of Hex so that they could take the rule of the Beehive away from Queebee (Laura McCann).

The plot, however, didn't seem to matter to the children-packed audience as they waited for a colorful, scatter-brained character (Jane Alexander) to surprise others with: "I'm the Fuzzbuzz."

But all ended well as Shannon Ford, a youngster from the audience, sent the bad bugs in the wrong direction so that the good bugs might escape.

The evening ended on a permanent note as the cast posed with children for pictures.

The Spring play, "On Borrowed Time," was a hometown version of "Death Takes a Holiday." Presented on March 17-18, it was the final play English teacher Dejon Ewing directed at ACHS.

Things go awry in the Northrup household after Mrs. Northrup (Laura McCann) dies and Aunt Demetria (Ruth



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Griesel) fights with Gramps (Jaime Givens) over the custody of Pud (Betty Rhodes), the recently orphaned grandson.

In the course of their feud Gramp's wish-come-true of preventing a local boy from stealing apples backfires on Mr. Brink (Don Miller), death's emissary. Mr. Brink, after taking Mrs. Northrup, has come again to take Pud and Gramps, but Gramps holds Mr. Brink at bay in the appletree.

In time, though, Gramps learns the importance of the complete cycle of life and death but only after being declared insane, experimenting on a fly that refuses to die and shooting a local resident.

"On Borrowed Time" was successful in two ways: by providing a cast large enough for dramatic newcomers to take a turn on stage and by combining both drama and comedy so the entire audience could find something worth liking about the play.

1. Marianne Spear (Sweebee), grasping the bars of her cage, waits to be rescued in "The Beeple."

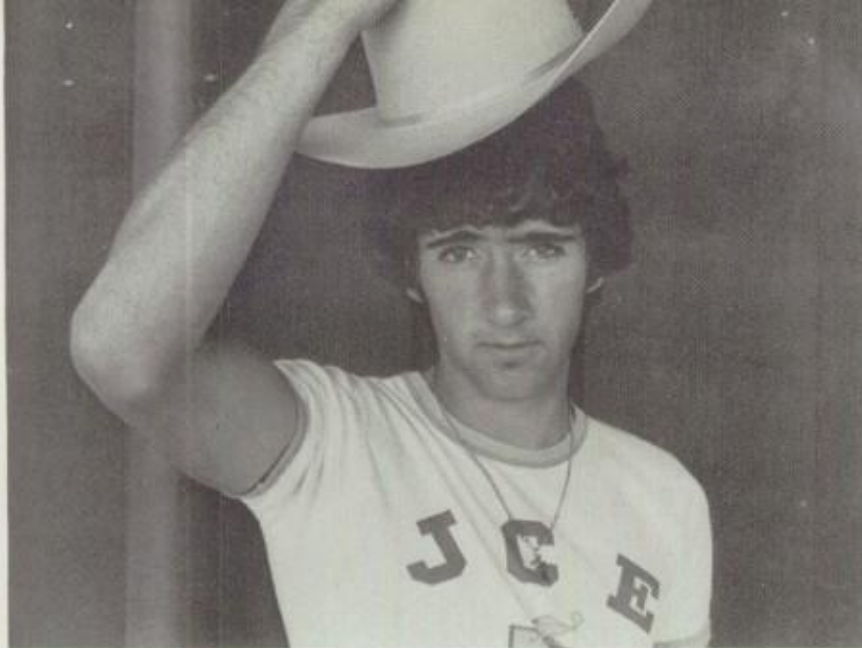
2. Karen Walker, Becky Boyer and Monica McKinney demonstrate the effects of RAID on little insects.

3. Senior Jaime Givens (Waspert), Junior Laura Tilson (Ornet) and Sophomore Dee Jurrens (Black Beetle) comb the audience for their next dinner.

4. Laura McCann (Mrs. Northrup) gives Jaime Givens (Gramps) one last piece of advice as he escapes the clutches of Aunt Demetria.

5. Don Miller (Mr. Brink) is anxious to get out of his perch once a break in rehearsal has been called.

6. Jaime Givens (Gramps), Bruce Griesel (Mr. Grimes) and Dayle Larson (Dr. Evans) are mystified that the fly in their experiment refuses to die in "On Borrowed Time."



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Nel, Parker Local AFSers

This year the AFS hosted the annual AFS-Round Up Weekend. This was where AFS students from around the Arkansas City area came here for a weekend of activities. In the summer, AFS held a tennis marathon to raise money for next year's student.

Karen Peterson was president and Keving Hine was Stuco representative.

"The AFS club is dedicated to helping people understand each other by staying in a different country and living right along with the people," said Peterson.

Senior Kristi Parker was selected to be an AFS Student in Avondale, Australia. She left Arkansas City in January and will return in December. Her school started in February and ends in December. The courses she has found the hardest are Australian Politics and Australian History.

Parker is involved in several activities. She got a part in the Operetta "Pajama Game." She is also on a local swim team. She went to regionals in diving, 50-meter freestyle and freestyle relay. She also has helped with the seventh and eighth grade band in Avondale.

Parker said in some letters that the food was different and that the people talk different than us. She has often been kidded by fellow students about her Southern accent. They gave her the nickname "Kansas," she said.

Jody Iverson, Junior

Viv Nel, from Johannesburg, South Africa; was the ACHS foreign exchange student this year. Nel stayed with the Roy Hine family, RR 1. Senior Kevin Hine and Freshman Roger Hine became Nel's new "brothers" for the year.

In coming to the United States, Nel left his father, a pipeline company worker; his mother, employed in a plant nursery; and his older sister, who will have graduated from teachers' college when Nel returned to South Africa in July.

Nel said that there were some strong similarities but also some differences between his two "families." Nel said that both families lived on farms outside of town and that both families worried when he was out late at night. However, said Nel, it was difficult to move from a household where he was the only son to a household that he had to share with two brothers. In Arkansas City, Nel traveled every day by bus or car to ACHS, but in South Africa Nel stayed in a high school dormitory during his last two years of high school.



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Going to school at ACHS was also a different experience for Nel. In South Africa, students go to school for 35-minute periods, Nel said. Classes begin one-half hour earlier there, 8:30 a.m., but end over an hour earlier, 2:30 p.m., in South Africa. Nel said that the relaxed dress code at ACHS was much different from the gray flannel, white shirt, tie and regulation socks and shoes uniform at his Johannesburg high school.

In one major way Nel found life in the United States very similar to life in South Africa. "The people are all very friendly," he said.

The Arkansas City traditions of "draggin' main" and the "Avacado" were different, but everything else was about the same except "for maybe the redheads," Nel added.

Nel was very active both academically and athletically at ACHS. He said that he made all A's with the exception of one B throughout the year. Nel was on the Debate and Forensics teams and also participated in cross country and tennis. At an AFS assembly, Nel said that he liked athletics at ACHS but he wished athletics were like those in South Africa; where a student could be out for four sports at one time.

Nel left Arkansas City on June 24 for a two-week bus tour of the eastern United States. On July 8, Nel flew from New York City to South Africa; where his immediate plans were to begin 18 months of mandatory military service. In December 1979, after his service, Nel said that he planned to return to the United States and especially to Arkansas City.

Teri Sanders, senior

1. "Howdy Pardner," says AFS student Viv Nel as he tips his authentic American cowboy hat to photographer Kevin Hine, who was Nel's American "brother" this year. 2. American Field Service—Back Row: Karen Walker, Karen Peterson, Kevin Hine, Susan Estep. Row 2: Nancy Beeks, Ruth Ann Walker, Chris Frazee, Laura Wilkin, Jeff Ramsey. Row 1: Phil Reinkemeyer, Ann Foster, Viv Nel. 3. Viv Nel prepares to cartwheel onto the Aud-Gym floor as he is announced as a new addition to the ACHS cheerleading squad. 4. AFS sponsor Estelle Gottlob, dressed in a native Austrian costume on AFS Day, helps Richard Bickford with English homework. 5. Not only did Viv Nel pick up a whole new vocabulary this year in Arkansas City, but also a new way of dressing for school. 6. Senior Kristi Parker left Arkansas City in January to be an AFS student in Australia. 7. Viv Nel and two other Kansas AFSers wait to be introduced during the AFS assembly. Nel is dressed in his official South African high school uniform.



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Cheerleaders Win at KU, New Soph Squad Added

This year the cheerleading squad was divided into three different groups. There were the varsity, eight students; the junior varsity, four students; and the sophomore, three students; squads. The sophomore squad was added so that there would be cheerleaders at all games for both boys and girls sports.

The varsity cheerleaders, from several choices of cheerleading camps, chose to go to camp at the University of Kansas. At the camp the ACHS varsity squad won the overall grand prize. This camp helped the cheerleaders with skill

techniques and with other things that were helpful, said Senior Karen Smith, head cheerleader.

The cheerleaders were also in charge of pep assemblies. Smith said that she and the other cheerleaders had been disappointed in the way the student body participated at pep assemblies. There weren't enough students attending pep assemblies, Smith added.

A lot of people skipped out and took longer lunch periods, so Principal Richard Chase started having them in the middle of 3rd hour Smith said. Students that did attend weren't enthused, she said.

At the beginning of the year, as part of an ACHS tradition, the cheerleaders organized a snake dance. Smith said that a lot of people showed their school spirit then but towards the end of the year school spirit died down.

Pam McCord, junior



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1. Junior Angie Virden sits on the shoulders of Barbara Rakestraw as they cheer for the Boys' Varsity Basketball team.

2. Varsity Cheerleaders—Karen Smith, head cheerleader; Leslye McCall, Barbara Rakestraw, Monica McKinney, Angie Virden, Kelly Rindt, Beth Niskern, Kay Dawes.

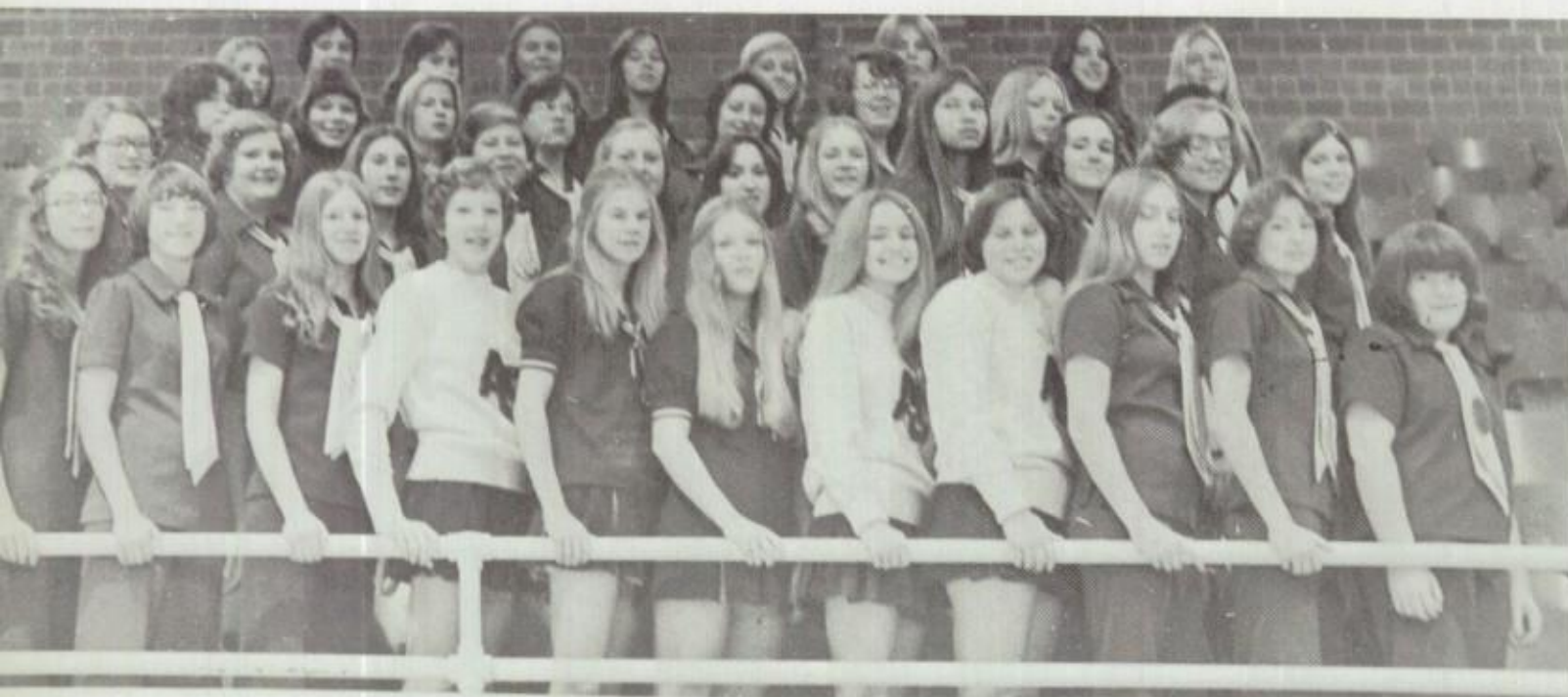
3. Sophomore Cheerleaders Ruth Ann Walker and Karen Foster go over a cheer one more time before a time-out in a Girls' Varsity Basketball game.

4. Junior Varsity Cheerleaders—Clockwise from top: Ann Dornhoffer, Mary Milner, Sheri Keefe, Christy Jarboe.

5. Junior Varsity cheerleaders Mary Milner and Sheri Keefe try to warm up a small crowd at a Boys' B-Team Basketball game.

6. Sophomore Cheerleaders—Barbara Smith, Ruth Ann Walker, Karen Foster.

7. Senior Leslye McCall watches the action bundles up in a blanket borrowed from the Boys' Varsity Football team.



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Raymond Judd Retires as Pep Club Sponsor

The motto of the ACHS Pep Club is "Go, Bulldogs, Go!" said Raymond Judd, Pep Club and cheerleader sponsor.

This was Judd's last year as Pep Club sponsor.

"The Pep Club won't seem the same without him," said Karol Dowell, vice-president of Pep Club.

Pep Club members are required to attend, in uniform, all athletic events in Arkansas City and at selected away games, said Laura Wilkin, president.

Keeping good school spirit during a losing season is a very hard job, Wilkin said. Unity, Wilkin adds, is the key element of Pep Club, which is the largest club at ACHS.

"Whether we are in a winning or losing season, a Pep Club member's job is to support that team," said Wilkin.

One way in which the club supported the athletic teams was to put on an assembly Thursday, Feb. 3; the day before the Girls' and Boys' Varsity Basketball teams faced tough Newton opponents.



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1. Sophomore Pep Club-Back Row; Connie Bowman, Sandra Ramsey, Jan Johnson, Vickie Doughton, Deanne LaVelle, Terry Palmer, Carol Barrows, Janet Sanford, Barbara Kennedy. Row 3; Mary Dawes, Kelly McCormick, Jan Louderback, Sharon Sherwood, Susan Estep, Michelle Wampler, Terry McGowan. Row 2; Laura McCann, Susan Ralston, Kim Kruger, Emily Starr, Nancy Beeks, Jane Baird, Diane Marrs, Beth Hummingbird, Kim Garenhire, Cathy Morrison, Tammy McGuinn. Row 1; Dawn Kempf, Kim Roberts, Judy Carroll, Karen Foster, Christy Jarboe, Ann Dornhoffer, Barbara Smith, Ruth Ann Walker, Diane Meyers, Ann Foster, Diana Sodowsky.

2. Junior Pep Club-Back Row: Sherry Palmer, Kathy Stafford, Cindy Miller, Laura Tilson, Becky Haddock, Jean Metzinger, Becky Eggens, Pam McCord. Row 3; Sherri Gilliland, Merry Crain, Debbie McGowan, Julie Miller, Cindy Myers, Rebecca Radcliff, Ginger Rice. Row 2; Melody Hearne, Jody Krout, Amy Sowden, Karen Baucus, Melissa Sweely, Debbie Kendrick, Tama Schneider, Salley Daniels, Karen Hendrickson, Gail DeVore, Sue Thoma. Row 1; Kathy Kelling, Del Brodrick, Claudette South, Mary Milner, Kay

Dawes, Kelly Rindt, Monica McKinney, Angie Virden, Beth Niskern, Sheri Keefe, Laurie Osborn.

3. Senior Jayne Alexander, "Sally the Bulldog" takes a peek at the action in a Girls Varsity Basketball game.

4. Pep Club Officers Karen Peterson and Laura Wilkin hold up the run-through at the ACHS-Wellington Varsity Football game.

5. 1976-77 Pep Club officers-Karol Dowell, vice-president; Raymond Judd, sponsor; Jody Robinson, sponsor; Julie Miller, secretary-treasurer; Laura Wilkin, president.

6. Senior Pep Club-Back Row; Karol Dowell, Mary Baucus, Cindy Shanks, Laura Londeen, Pam Priddy, Georgia Morrison, Terry Stafford, Suzann Stalnaker. Row 2; Debbie Humiston, Monica Sherwood, Cheryl Whitford, Vivian Lawson, Cheryl Fair, Teri Sanders, Karen Peterson. Row 1; Joyce Magnus, Debbie Lowry, Leslye McCall, Karen Smith, Barbara Rakestraw, Chris Frazee, Karen Horton.



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FNA Aids in Blood Drive

Future Nurses of America (FNA) exists at ACHS mainly to help school nurse Jessie Bolander, R.N., coordinate various medical services for USD 470. However, Bolander adds that FNA activities were the members' first experiences in careers in the medical profession.

This year FNA members assisted with vision testing, hearing screening, dental inspection, immunizations and kindergarten visitation.

FNA was also involved in two non-school activities. They helped with the short-lived swine flu vaccinations in Arkansas City and with the Red Cross Blood Drive.

At the Blood Drive stations, FNA members labeled blood containers, took temperatures, took pulse rates and agitated blood bags to keep it from coagulating while donors were giving blood.

FNA was first organized by Florence Stephens, counselor, when students became interested in learning more about medical careers. A registered nurse, Mrs. Cockrum, was the club's first sponsor.

In 1964, Bolander reorganized the club. Bolander adopted the rules and regulations established by the Kansas League of Nursing (KLN). The club was chartered that year by KLN.

1976-77 FNA officers were Terry Stafford, president; Monica Sherwood, vice-president; Kathy Morrison, secretary-treasurer; and Susan Estep, Stuco representative. Melinda Hopkins and Dana Williams, juniors

1. A Bloodmobile worker checks Senior Terri Robbins' temperature and blood pressure before Robbins donates blood. FNA members helped operate the Bloodmobile Drive this year.

2. FNA- Back Row: Brenda Fair, Tammi McGuinn, Susan Estep, Sue Thoma, Kelly McCormick. Row 1: FNA Sponsor Jessie Bolander, Terry Stafford, Joyce Mann, Salina Downing, Sharon Sherwood, Monica Sherwood. Not pictured: Melinda Hopkins, Dana Williams, Jody Iverson, Nancy Kunke, Sharon Willia, Melinda Buchanan.



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Group Therapy a Success

I-CARE is exactly what these 24 girls do for all of the sophomore girls at ACHS.

I-CARE was started about five years ago by the counselors because they knew that students could understand other students, said Florence Stephens, guidance counselor. She also said that sophomores liked the student counseling system because it was much easier to talk to someone who has been through the same thing that sophomores are going through now.

I-CARE is a service to ACHS. There are no dues and no officers. The potential group leaders fill out an application and a committee selects the girls they think will make good leaders. The committee selects leaders from all social and economic backgrounds.

To be an I-CARE leader a student must be a good listener and must be willing to learn and to care about other girls, said

Stephens.

Last year the counselors tried to start I-CARE for boys but it didn't work out too well, said Stephens. There is a boys' advisory council in case they are needed.

According to Stephens, I-CARE is such a popular program that many other schools have wanted to start a program like this.

3. I-CARE leader Debbie McGowen helps sophomore Pam Bland and Daniel Bohannon with homework.

4. USD 470 Nurse Jessie Bolander gives a hearing test to Sherry Ackasen.

5. I-CARE leaders-Back Row: Gail Sanford, Sharon Schwartz, Peggy Brown, Becky Pratt, Becky Haddock. Row 2: Mary Wiegand, Tamara Forcum, Terri Robbins, Beth Niskern, Gail DeVore, Debbie McGowen, Monica Sherwood. Row 1: Jayne Alexander, Cheryl Whitford, Karol Dowell, Leslye McCall, Penny Pinegar, Julie Miller.



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Aides Help New Librarian

The newest collection this year to the ACHS Library was Librarian Robert Hicks. Hicks' transition to the librarian's job was made easier by Library Aides.

The duties of Library Aides are varied, said Hicks. The majority of their time is spent checking out and reshelving books. However, they also have assisted students with everything from getting back-issue magazines to handling audio-visual equipment to collecting fines.

"Without fines the Library would not function properly and I would have to work 24 hours a day just to keep up," said Hicks.

Being a Library Aide isn't a one-sided service though. Hicks said that Library Aides, through their experiences in the ACHS Library, also acquire helpful knowledge about numerous reference sources and general library operation

which will be extremely valuable to them in the future.

Library Aides this year received no academic credit for their work. Aides volunteered their time before and after school and also in place of a study hall. Next year, however, Library Aides will receive one-half unit of academic credit for a year's service as a Library Aide.

Library Aides this year were Tammy Baker, Bill Boyle, Connie Bowman, Debbie Burnett, Susan Carr, Vicki Doughton, Charlie Foster, Phil DiVall, Nancy Lind, Linda Goff, Tom Fulcher, Cindy Poling, Wanda Graham, Kim Gardenhire, Kathy Stafford, Kevin Tracey, Phillip Morris, Eric Templaar, Camilla Martin and David Lewis.

1. Students find it hard to get away without paying fines when Librarian Robert Hicks sits behind his desk.

2. Library Aide Kevin Tracy prepares new books to be placed on the library shelves.

3. Junior Melody Hearne uses one of the individual study booths to catch up on reading assignments.

4. Library Aides—Back Row: Robert Hicks, librarian; Tom Fulcher, Kevin Tracy. Row 2: Nancy Lind, Wanda Graham, Ruby Atkins, library assistant; Linda Goff. Row 1: Tammy Baker.



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Usherettes Make Outfits

"May I help you find a seat?"

That is the most used phrase of the ACHS Usherettes. The Usherettes are a group of girls who usher and pass out programs at all ACHS sponsored performances. The Usherettes have been selected on the basis of their personalities by a few teachers and current Usherettes, said Susis Stark, Usherette sponsor. Besides ushering people to and from their seats, Usherettes are in charge of keeping the audience in order, said Stark.

Usherette Debbie McGowen said that it was fun to be an Usherette because they got in free to all the events, such as the Freedom Jam concert.

Usherettes must be instructed about and memorize information about seating capacities and order of seating in the ACHS Auditorium, the Auditorium-Gymnasium and the

Junior High Auditorium before each program in order to make things run as smoothly as possible, said Stark.

Usherette uniforms, which were new this year, have been made by the girls and will be sold to 1977-78 Usherettes.

To make money for the club this year, the Usherettes sold Bulldog and Tiger keychains and pins, said Maria Aucar, head Usherette.

5. Junior Usherettes Camy Stamps shows Karen Larson, sophomore, how to distribute sports programs at the Aud-Gym.

6. Usherettes-Back Row: Karen Peterson, Maria Aucar, head Usherette, Barbara Kennedy, Jaylyn Vaughn. Row 3: Debbie McGowen, Kim Kruger, Mary Adamson. Row 2: Kathy Kelling, Paula Buffo, Sherry Palmer, Sharon Schwartz, Karol Dowell. 1: Chris Frazee, Camy Stamps, Karen Horton, Karen Larson, Brenda Bryant, Kathy Starr.

7. Usherettes Mary Adamson and Maria Aucar keep spectators in order at a basketball game.



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FTA Hosts Xmas Parties, Operates ACHS for Day

Future Teachers of America (FTA) had a very busy year according to President Marianne Spear. FTA members visited elementary schools in Arkansas City during the Christmas season, entertaining children with games, exercises and refreshments. FTA also held a Christmas Party for an Arkansas City day care center.

Activities of FTA members kept them in contact with students a great deal of the time. Besides the Christmas parties, FTA members also assisted elementary schools with play days.

At the high school level, FTA members were aides to different teachers. This was the last year that the teacher's

aide program was limited to FTA members. Next year the teacher's aide program will be incorporated, with credit, into the regular school curriculum.

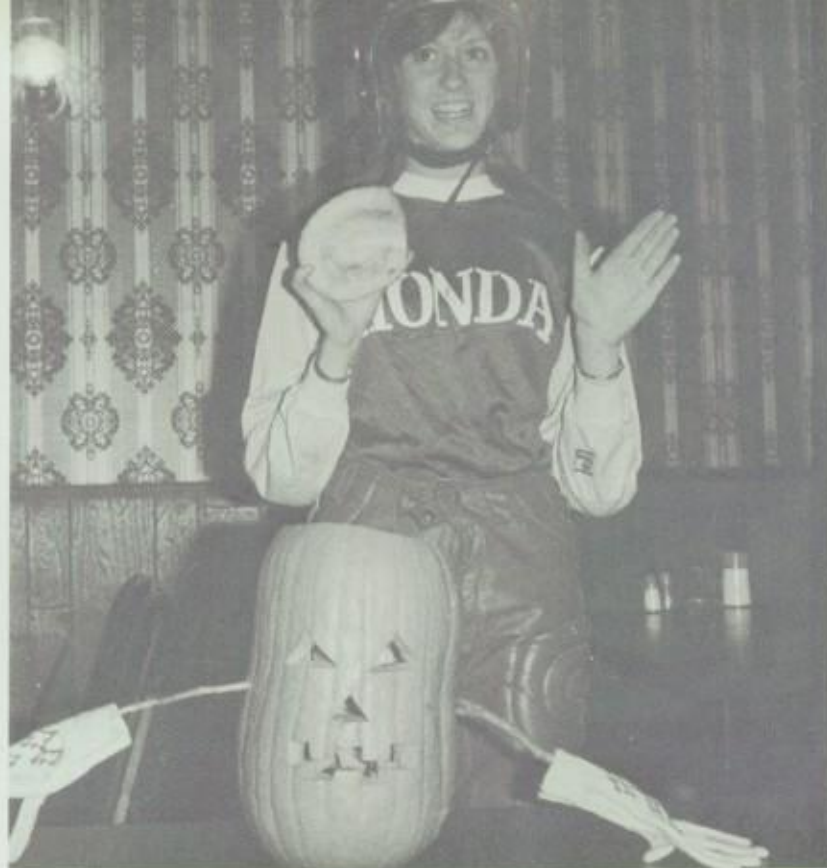
Besides helping other students and teachers, FTA helped their own psyches with several parties throughout the school year. FTA had a Halloween costume party at the Sirloin Stockade and a Teacher—Teacher's Aide party at the close of the school year.

The annual FTA "Turn About Day" was successful as about 40 members took over the roles of teachers, secretaries, principals and janitors for a day.

Seniors Karen Horton and Laura Wilkin were each awarded \$100 scholarships this year by FTA. FTA awarded \$50 to each girl and Gaye Iden matched those funds.

1976-77 FTA officers were Marianne Spear, president; and Claudette South, vice-president. Sponsors were Florence Stephens, Lesley Long and Charlie Graham.

Jan Hatfield, junior



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1. Future Teachers of America (FTA)—Back Row: Jeff Kennedy, Renee Headrick, Laura Wilkin, John Milner, Ann Dornhoffer, Ann Foster, Barbara Smith, Karen Peterson, Ruth Ann Walker, Karen Walker, Rhonda Smith, Florine Ming, Selina Downing. Row 1: Karen Smith, Emily Starr, Gail DeVore, Beth Niskern, Karen Foster, Judy Carroll. Not pictured: Pam McCord, Laura Tilson, Laurie Osborn, Claudette South, Marianne Spear, Melissa Sweely, Monica Sherwood, John Sturd, Karen Baucus, John Aucar, Mark Riedlinger, Jerry Fry, Dayle Larson.

2. "Well, sweetie, how's ya enjoyin' yo'self at this here party?" asks FTA member Karen Smith, right, of Larua Wilkin at the FTA

Halloween Party at Sirloin Stockade.

3. Beth Niskern and Barbara Smith entertain pre-schoolers at one of the FTA Christmas parties this year.

4. Santa Claus makes his annual rounds at the Pershing Elementary School—FTA Christmas Party.

5. FTA Vice-President Claudette South, junior, gives her "What I do" speech with her jack-o'-lantern helpmate at the annual FTA Halloween Party.

6. FTA President Marianne Spear, senior, replaces Principal Richard Chase on "Turn About Day," sponsored by FTA.

7. Junior Tracy Patton keeps the Senior Floor clean as she became one of the janitors for a day on FTA "Turn About Day."



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Rakestraw, Spear Elected Homecoming Queens

"The Student Council's major success this year was it's Student Council President Greg Jurrens," said Ralph Miller, social science teacher and Stuco sponsor. Miller also said, "Jurrens has been the best Student Council president I've had. He has kept all his promises he made in his campaign."

Ohter Student Council officers were Mary Baucus, vice-president; Don Miller, elections chairman; Connie Moore, social chairman; and Marianne Spear, secretary-treasurer.

Stuco's activities this year consisted of many events including the two yearly Homecomings. Fall Homecoming was Oct. 22. The theme of the dance was "Disco Mania," submitted by Junior Monica McKinney. Fall Homecoming Queen was Barbara Rakestraw, crowned at the halftime of the ACHS-Derby football game. Other finalists were Karen Smith and Marianne Spear.

The theme for Winter Homecoming on Feb 25., was "Spring Fling '77," submitted by Sophomore Robbye Mathews. Winter Homecoming Queen Marianne Spear was named queen at the halftime of the ACHS-Winfield basketball game. Finalists were Maria Aucar and Kay Lynn Marrs.

Another Stuco sponsored event was Sadie Hawkins Day and Dance on March 25. On this day students dressed as Daisy Mae and Lil' Abner. Different clubs put up Daisy Mae-Lil' Abner contestants in the Stuco contest. The winners, Barry Spear and Karen Horton from FFA and FHA respectively, were announced at the dance.

At the beginning of the school year Stuco sponsored the Seniors' annual painting of Sally and the painting of Senior Street. Also they painted and placed trash cans outside the school.



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At the close of the school year Stuco tried a dress-up week. Starting on Monday, May 9 Stuco sponsored Backwards Day, Slop Day, Clash Day and Fifties Day.

Ideas that were discussed at Stuco meetings that weren't quite accomplished this year were a special space for motorcyclists to park their motorcycles, parking control and traffic. Principal Richard Chase said that he thought progress had been made in accomplishing these ideas.

Although Stuco had low attendance, Miller thought that with a good strong leader and a dozen students that participate in Stuco, that Stuco is just as good or better than a leader and a room full of students that don't feel strongly toward ACHS and the students.

Teri Sanders, senior

1. 1976-77 Student Council—Back Row: Dawn Kempf, Camy Stamps, Julie Miller, Susan Estep, Nancy Beeks, Emily Starr. Row 2: Ann Dornhoffer, Kelly Rindt, Sharon Johnson. Row 1: Laura Wilkin, Vivian Lawson, Chris Frazee, Jacque Moore, Connie Moore, Don Miller, Greg Jurrens, Jan Louderback, Diane Marrs.

2. 1976-77 Student Council officers—Don Miller, elections chairman; Greg Jurrens, president; Mary Baucus, vice-president. Not pictured: Marianne Spear, secretary; Connie Moore, social chairman.

3. "Say there, sweetie, how da like my new mini overalls," asks Librarian Robert Hicks of Library Aide Tammy Baker on Sadie Hawkins Day.

4. Bill Beckelhimer and Ruth Ann Walker wear matching costumes at the Sadie Hawkins Dance at Adams Elementary School.

5. Winter Homecoming Court—Maria Aucar, finalist; Marianne Spear, Winter Homecoming queen; Kay Lynn Marrs, finalist.

6. Fall Homecoming Court—Barbara Rakestraw, Fall Homecoming Queen; Karen Smith, finalist; Marianne Spear, finalist.



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Hi-Y Runs Football Game

Hi-Y is one of the smallest clubs at ACHS. The all-male club was originally started as a religious organization affiliated with the YMCA. However, several years ago, the ACHS Hi-Y dropped religious affiliation and is now the leading service organization for the school.

The activity Hi-Y sponsors that has been the most successful is the Powderpuff Football Game. On Friday, Nov. 12, the Purple team, coached by Varsity Football players Mark Mann, Lynn Callison and Mike Henderson; defeated the Gold team, 6-0, on a lone touchdown in the third quarter.

Hi-Y officers Phil DiVall, Darrell Dow and Jeff Kennedy were the officials for the game. Other Hi-Y members were cheerleaders for the two teams.

Money that was made from the football game has been donated by Hi-Y to ACHS. The money is traditionally donated

in the form of a gift chosen by Hi-Y members. In the past three years Hi-Y purchased the Sophomore Floor drinking fountain, the outdoor benches and the Auditorium-Gymnasium clock for the school.

Hi-Y also sponsored the Thanksgiving assembly Wednesday, Nov. 23.

1976-77 Hi-Y officers were Steve Hunt, president; Darrell Dow, vice-president; Jeff Kennedy, secretary-treasurer; and Phil DiVall, Stuco representative. Richard Hawkins, counselor, and Doug Ewing, social science teacher, are Hi-Y sponsors.

1. Hi—y—Back Row: Scott Sterling, Terry McCormick, Any Day, John Milner, Kevin Tracy, Jerry Fry. Row 2: Dayle Larson, Greg Shones, Ed Weston, John Sturd, Lynn Callison. Row 1: Phil DiVall, Darrell Dow, Steve Hunt.

2. Powderpuff football game officials Jeff Kennedy and Darrell Dow use a new signal to indicate that Seniors Greg SHones and Mark Riedlinger are out of bounds.

3. Hi—Y officers—Back Row: Phil DiVall, Stuco representative, Darrell Dow, vice-president; Jeff Kennedy, secretary-treasurer. Row 1: Steve Hunt, president.

4. Powderpuff football game sheerleaders Andy Day and Greg Jurrens demonstrate the newest styles in cheering.



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Girls Unlimited Gives Party for Winfield Kids

ACHS Girls Unlimited received a certificate of appreciation from the Winfield State Hospital and that explains why Girls Unlimited has been called the school's service organization for women.

The club received the certificate after giving a Christmas party for children at the hospital. Girls Unlimited also presented the Easter Assembly at ACHS.

Estelle Gottlob, sponsor, said that there had been a decline in membership this year. She said that Girls Unlimited had met during the mornings and during noon, which ever time fit best into the member's schedules, since most of the members had jobs.

Girls Unlimited also planned a fashion show but because of conflicts it had to be canceled.

Girls Unlimited is a fairly new name for the organization.

The club was previously known as Y-Teens, affiliated with the YWCA. However, the club dropped this affiliation because of the high dues they had to pay to the YWCA, said Gottlob. She said that the club did pay \$4 per member to the YWCA and now dues were just 50 cents.

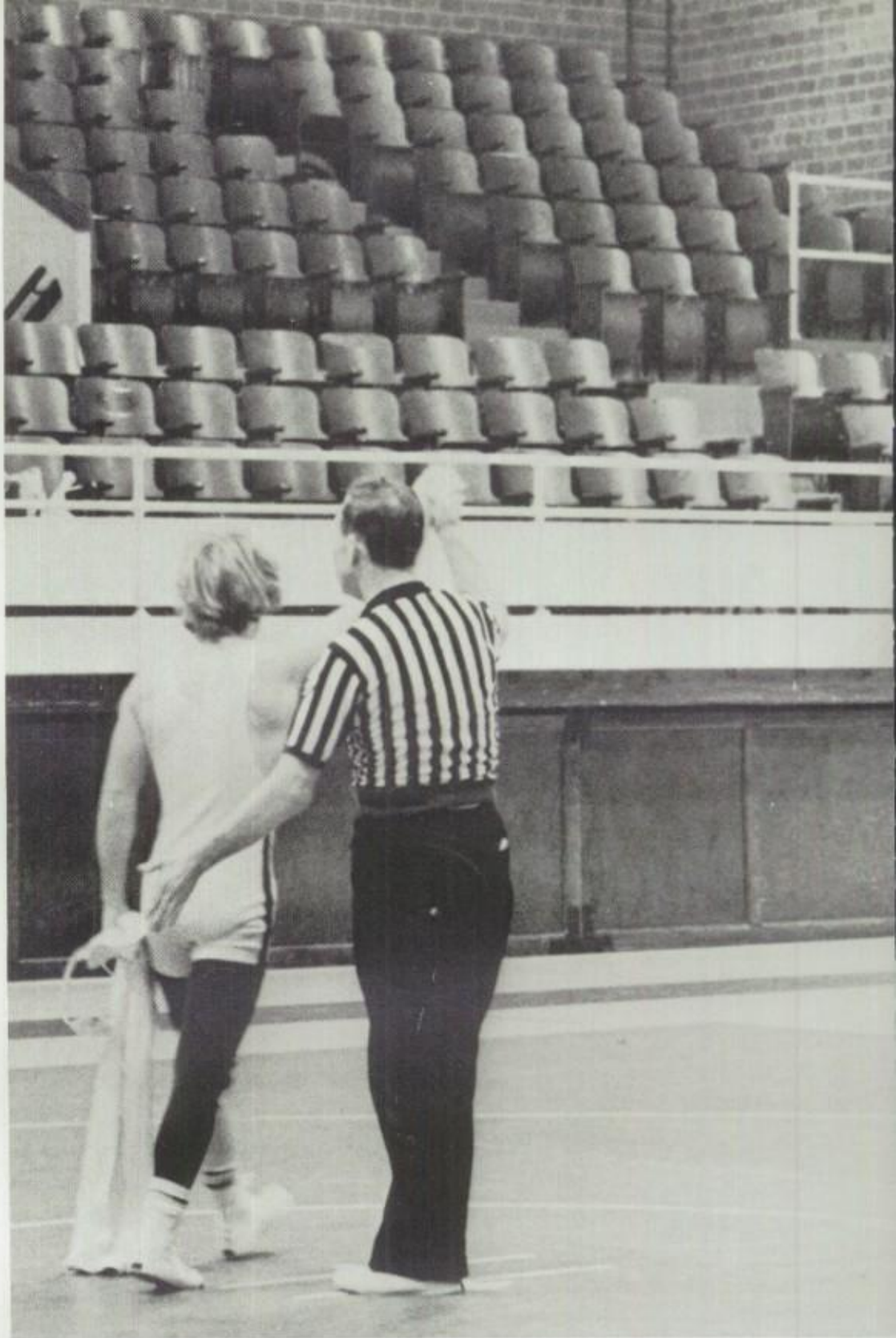
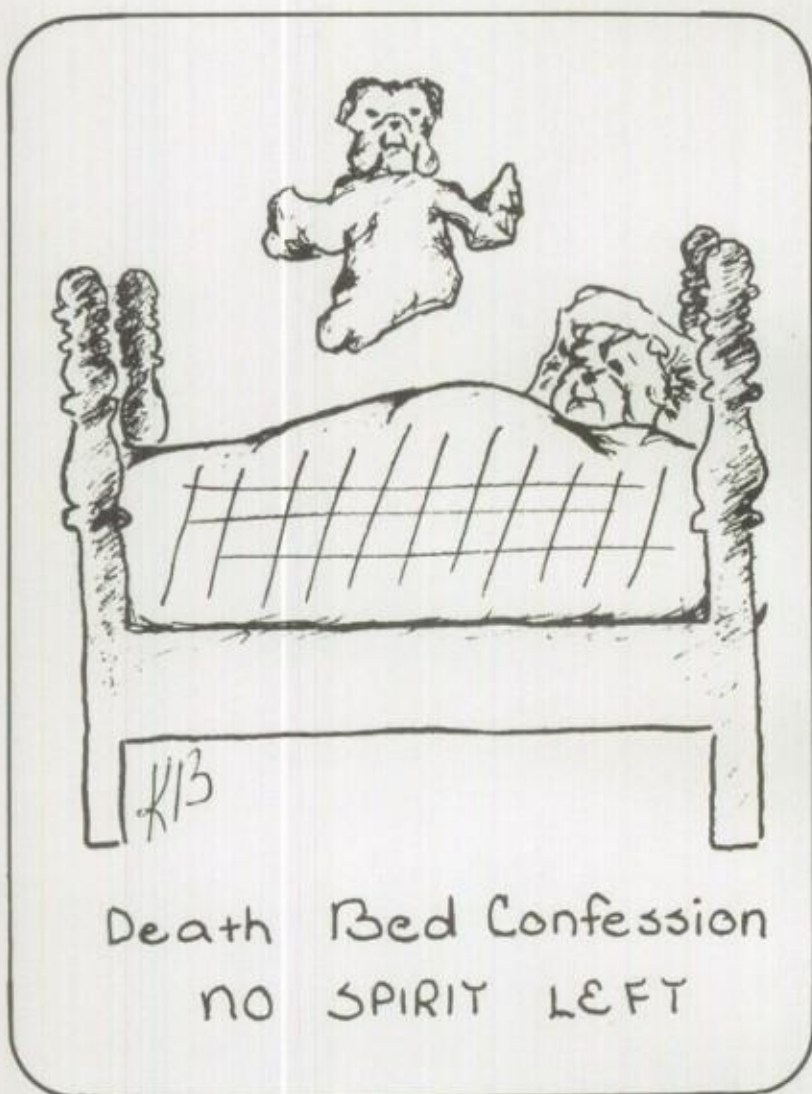
1976-77 Girls Unlimited officers were Glenda Summers, president; Becky Pratt, secretary; and Janice Campbell, treasurer.

5. Senior Rick Hawkins performs on the guitar at the Easter Assembly sponsored by Girls Unlimited.

6. Peggy Rommel uses a Sesame Street puppet to entertain one of the children at the Winfield State Hospital.

7. Junior Janice Campbell plays with a young girl at the Girls Unlimited Christmas party.

8. Girls Unlimited—Back Row: Deborah Grantham, sponsor; Florine Ming, Diana Fortenberry, Peggy Rommel, Estelle Gottlob, sponsor. Row 1: Janice Campbell, Julie Anthis, Becky Pratt, Glenda Summers, Kristi Parker.



Apathy Ivades ACHS

APATHY, APATHY, that's our cry!
A-P-A-T-H-Y!
Will we win it?
We don't care!
AC can go to you-know-where!

Apathy is so many things. It is a slightly filled gymnasium for a varsity basketball game. It is a student body that prefers to gather in fast cars at closed gas stations rather than attend a school music concert. It is an all school dance where no more than 40 couples show.

ACHS seems to be caught in a popular crisis, as are many other secondary schools and colleges across the United States.

While some people were, as usual, totally involved; the feeling of disinterest was evident and increasing in club membership and activities as well as in support for athletic teams throughout the school.

Arkansas City Business Club (ACBC), Girls Unlimited and MATARI may have begun the year with good purposes, but gradually disbanded due to lack of interest.

Members of Art Club planned a school-wide Valentine Button Sale, then postponed it until early March, but it gradually fizzled out because of conflict with other activities and poor publicity.

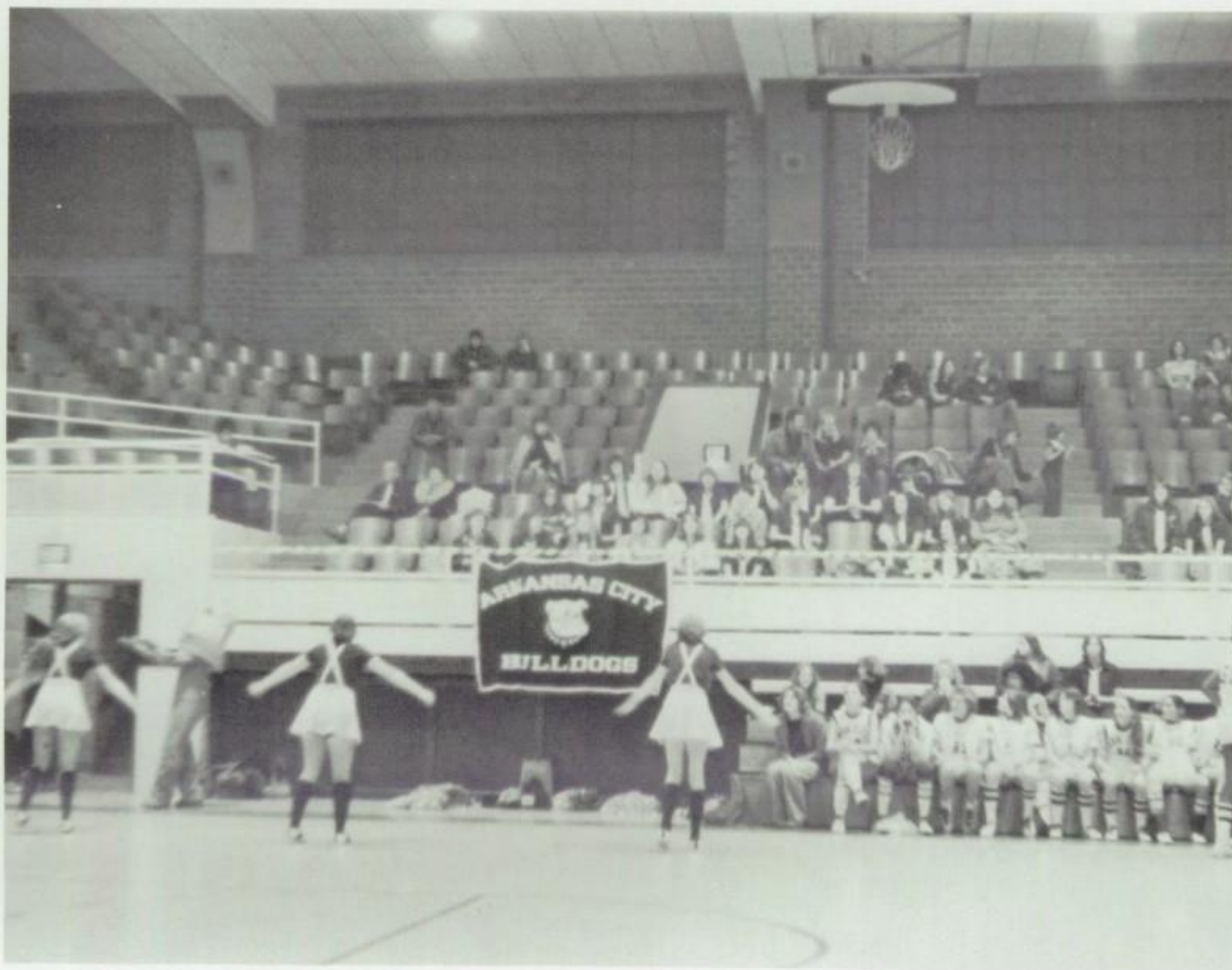
The membership in Girls Unlimited fell so low that they virtually ceased to function. They tried to present an evening fashion show to generate spirit but canceled it at the last minute.

Several clubs such as Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), Quill and Scroll and Sophomore Class Officers; active in past years, existed in name only in 1976-77.

Traditional club activities were dropped this year because of lack of organization and lack of interest.

Although some clubs did continue to function, a drop in membership and a lack of participation hurt such clubs as Pep Club, Future Nurses of America (FNA) and American Field Service (AFS).

The French and Spanish Clubs even tried to combine their



forces under the auspices of Foreign Language Club, yet their membership rolls still suffered.

Spirit at pep assemblies and sports events also seemed to reach an all-time low. Pep Club President Laura Wilkin pleaded, in a letter published in the *ARKLIGHT*, to get members back behind the teams again.

At one time or another through the year, members of each athletic team must surely have felt that they were competing for the team effort only and not for Arkansas City High School. This probably was so for the Girls' Gymnastics team who, even though they won third at the state meet, didn't have a single ACHS supporter watch their important victory.

Stuco, the voice of the student body, barely whispered this year. The organization, with representatives from first hour classes and from other clubs, should have had meeting attendance of over 50. Stuco was lucky to have 15 to 20 students come to meetings regularly. The important committees of Stuco were crippled by lack of volunteers. As a result, many Stuco sponsored dances and events seemed thrown together at the last minute.

The students weren't entirely at fault though. The annual Faculty Assembly was canceled due to lack of interest and lack

of faculty participation.

A definite solution to bring ACHS out of its apathetic rut is difficult to propose. Perhaps clubs that are outdated should be dropped for the best of all. To replace any dropped clubs, organizations which promote careers or interesting passtimes might stir new interest.

Perhaps the designated "activity period" that has been worked into the morning class schedule next year will improve attendance at club meetings.

For sports and other activities: students must decide to care about ACHS. Next year will be a big "decision" year for students when athletics are moved out of the regular school day. Coaches, interviewed during the year by the *ARKLIGHT*, fear that the move to after school athletics will seriously hurt the numbers who choose to participate in athletics; possibly meaning the elimination of some of the minor sports at ACHS.

Many people are pegging their hopes on a new high school to beat the apathy racquet. Perhaps the 80 acres of land out on Radió Lane on which may someday rest a steel-work gymnasium and auditorium will house many rousing assemblies, games and school activities.



Dedicated to Those People Who Tried Their Best

Some students and teachers at ACHS realized that things always seem darkest before the dawn and they were determined to bring forth a better day, especially concerning school spirit.

Principal Richard Chase tried. He located and scheduled the rock band "Freedom Jam" to play at an all-school assembly on Nov. 9 and a school-sponsored evening concert on Nov. 11. Chase said after the two appearances of "Freedom Jam" that he was proud of student conduct during the concerts. He also said that there was hope for more concerts. However, when attendance at the Mar. 25 Sadie Hawkins Day assembly was sparse, Chase said future assemblies were doubtful.

Velda Stewart, business teacher, tried too. She wrote a letter to the editor, published in the Jan. 14 issue of the

ARKLIGHT. In the letter Stewart said that the inconveniences of high school had provided students the needed rationale for not caring about ACHS. She concluded, "Someone find our pride, wherever it is hidden, and when you do, you'll find our school spirit with it."

Reporting I students Junior Jody Iverson and Senior Teri Sanders tried. For a class project they wrote an editorial not criticizing low school spirit but an editorial about how to improve school spirit. Some changes Iverson and Sanders advocated were to change pep assemblies from directly before lunch to the middle of the hour to allow different organizations and athletic teams host pep assemblies, to create a squad of boy yell leaders and to add more cheerleaders to the squads.

Two other Reporting I students Juniors Pam Patterson and Claudette South also wrote an editorial in which they proposed



solutions to the problems of sagging school spirit. Their ideas included more publicity for events, equal time schedules for different sports and move flexible schedules for cheerleaders.

The ARKLIGHT editorial staff conducted a survey about school spirit. Not surprisingly, every student surveyed agreed that school spirit left much to be desired. However, students disagreed on why spirit was low.

Sophomore Christy Jarboe said, "I think we have bad school spirit because the Pep Club won't get up when they are supposed to. They don't even try to yell."

Junior T.R. Hines said, "I think the wrestlers have been cheated because we never get any support because the basketball team always plays on Friday and we get Thursday. Therefore, most of the kids can't come because they have homework."

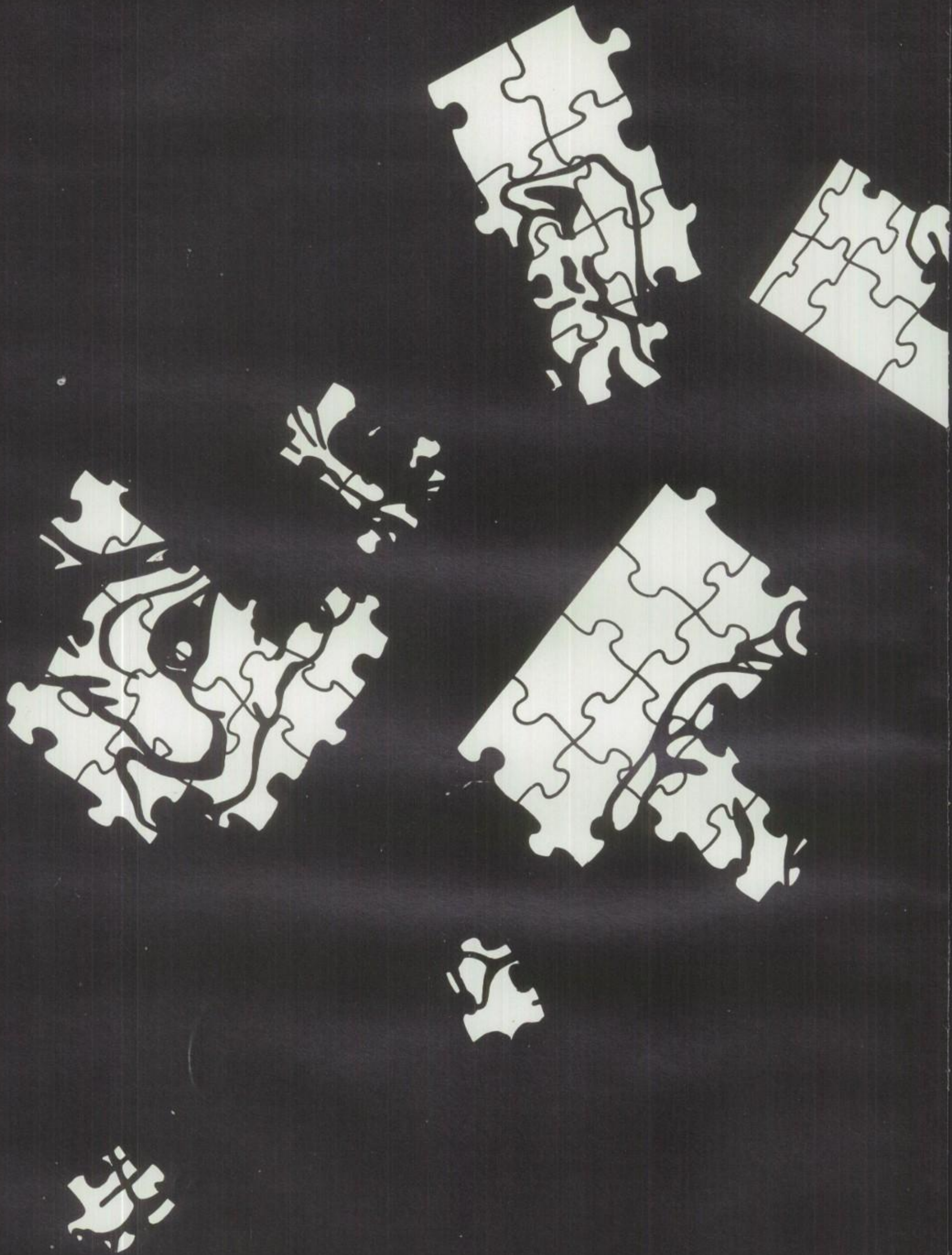
In the midst of an almost winless boys' basketball season the Pep Club gave the cheerleaders a helping hand by presenting a pep assembly of their own invention. Near the

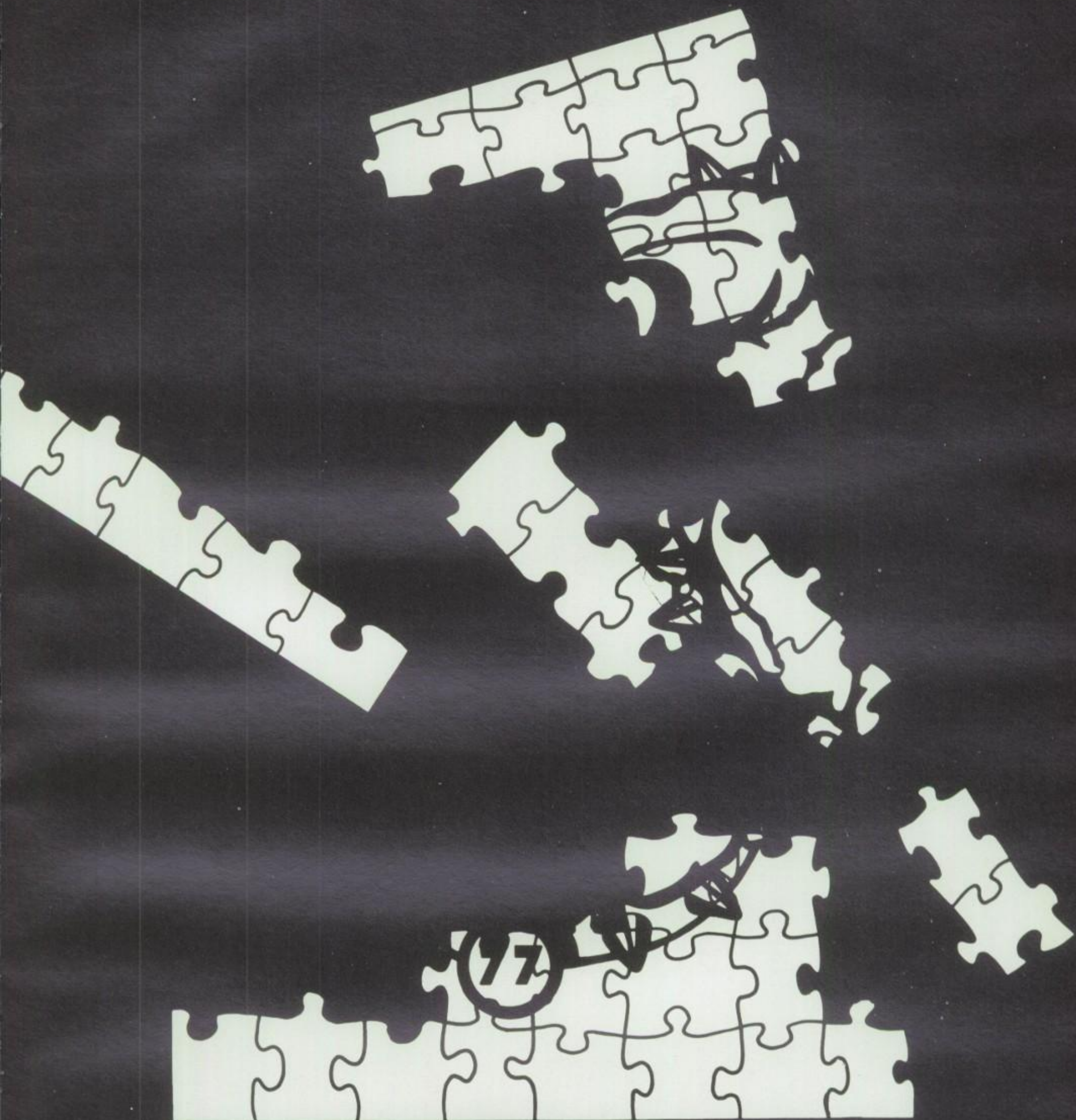
end of the winter sports season Pep Club President Laura Wilkin wrote a "be tough" letter, published in the ARKLIGHT. In the letter Wilkin told non-active members to quit making a mockery of Pep Club by either shaping up or getting out.

Senior Steve Borrer also submitted a letter to the editor in which he suggested that if attendance didn't improve at assemblies that assemblies should simply be dropped.

The ARKLIGHT attempted to let people air their views about anything in the ARKLIGHT. A letterhead and stationery was made available in the Feb. 18 issue. However, not a single student or teacher took advantage of the opportunity, said Sarah Wohlrabe, ARKLIGHT adviser.

In 1976-77 some students and teachers realized the gravity of the situation at ACHS. In their own special ways these individuals concocted medicines they believed would revive their seriously ill patient.





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Leslye McCall, Jan Louderback Win at State

Senior Leslye McCall and Sophomore Jan Louderback had a big victory in the 1976-77 tennis season when they became state champions in Class 4A doubles competition.

McCall and Louderback got to the state meet by winning the doubles competition at regionals in Winfield on Oct. 22.

When the two girls traveled to state competition at Topeka they had a new experience because they played the tournament indoors due to rain.

"Jan and Leslye have been the best doubles team to play for Ark City," said Girls' Tennis Coach Norma Dixon. "They were hard workers and excellent players and people."

Louderback and McCall had a doubles record of 35 wins and zero losses for the 1976-77 season. The fact that McCall was a senior and Louderback only a sophomore didn't hurt their record, they said.

"It was hardwork, but I was happy to win," said Louderback.

"I'm still real excited about it, and it was one of my main goals this year," McCall said.

Girls' Tennis Coach Norma Dixon said that this year was the first for a state champion. Dixon also said that the team didn't qualify as many for state as they

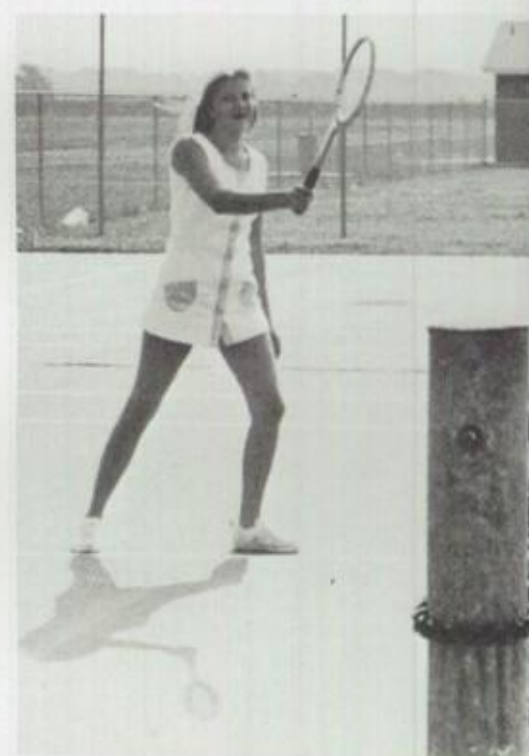
wanted to because competition at regionals was tough.

"The season had its ups and downs," said Dixon. "Everybody showed improvement through the season. We weren't as deep as we have been in the past, but the kids worked hard and came through."

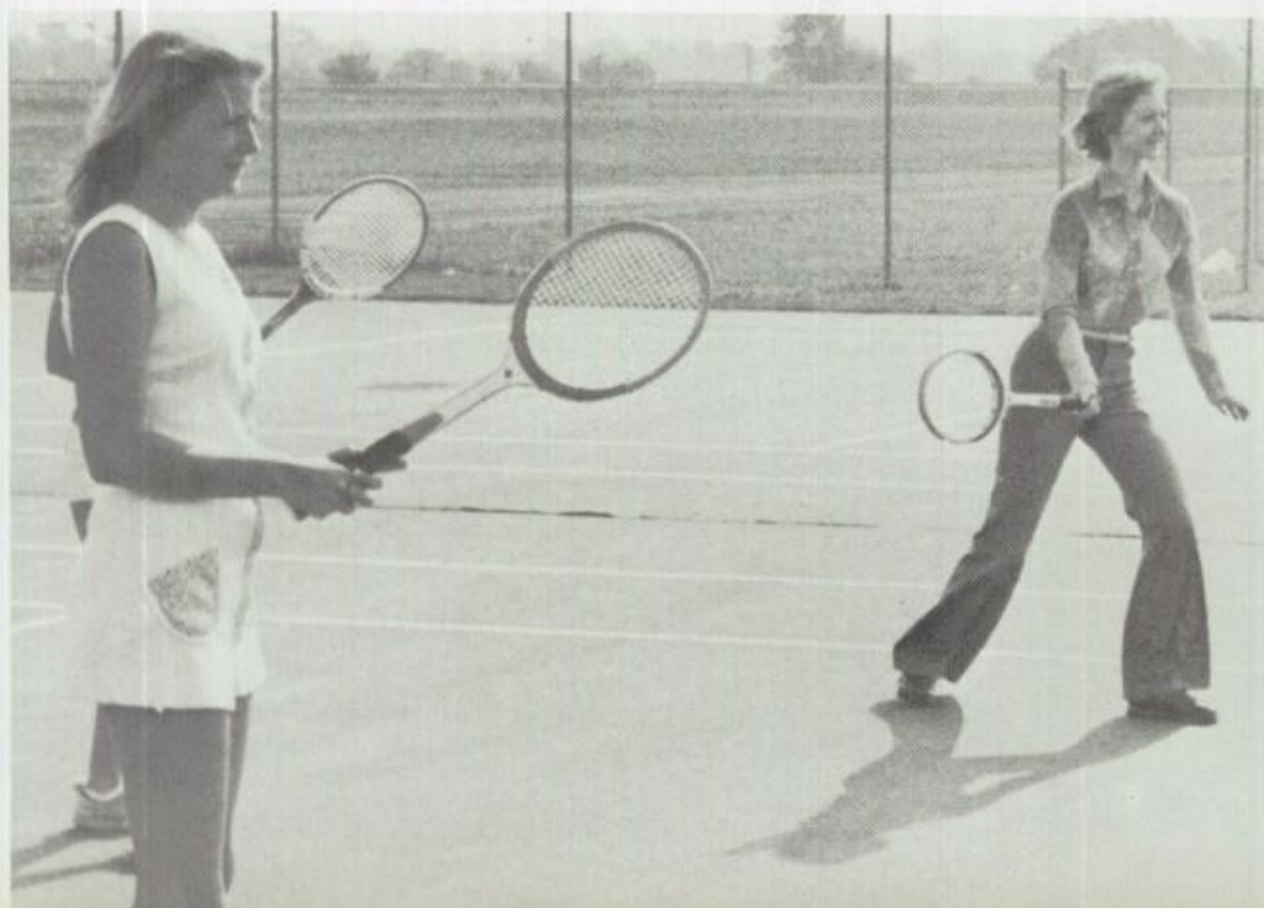
In invitational meets a first place finish eluded the team but they did take four strong seconds, including one in the Ark Valley League meet at Newton on Oct. 13.

Karen Baucus, Junior

Newton Invitational-2nd
El Dorado Invitational-2nd
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Winfield Invitational-2nd
Hutchinson Invitational-4th
Ark Valley League Meet, Newton-2nd



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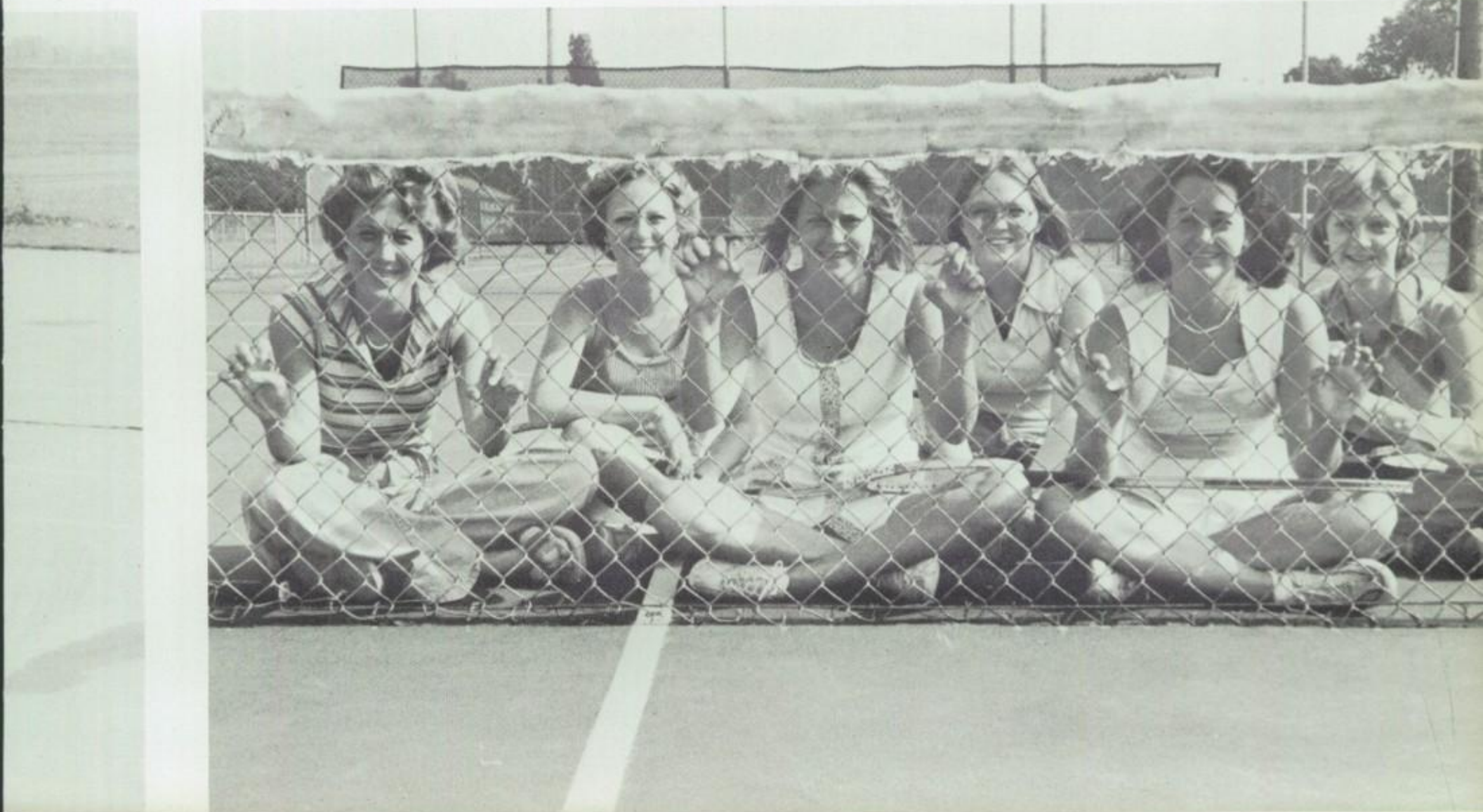
1. Tennis Coach Norma Dixon shields her eyes from the glaring afternoon sun as she directs team practice. 2. Sophomore Jan Louderback and Senior Karol Dowell wait for opponents to volley the ball over the net during practice. 3. Jan Louderback shows teammates Karol Dowell, Jalyn Vaughn, Bev Gilmore and Mary Baucus how to play close to the net in doubles competition. 4. Jaylyn Vaughn charges the net during a singles game. 5. 1976-77 Girls' Varsity Tennis team—Back Row: Jalyn Vaughn, Bev Gilmore, Karol Dowell. Row 1: Mary Baucus, Jan Louderback, Leslye McCall. 6. The undefeated doubles team of Jan Louderback and Leslye McCall were the first ACHS girls' tennis team members ever to win state championship.



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Spear Takes Cross Country AVL Crown

"The Cross Country season for 1976-77 was a very good one with many fine runners," replied Cross Country Head Coach Dale Eggen. "I consider them the elite of the elite."

Junior Dan Stockton was the top runner for the Bulldogs, finishing 14th place in regional competition with 10:48 at Echo Hills in Wichita. He was followed by AFS student Viv Nel, 20th place in regionals, and Senior Paul Knight, 30th place in regionals.

Senior Marianne Spear was the top girl runner on the team. She took first place in the Ark Valley League meet at Winfield with 11:50 and first in the Augusta Invitational.

Eggen said that most of the Cross Country runners were out for the sport for fun and as a warm up for a winter or spring sport.

1. 1976-77 Varsity Cross Country team—Back Row: Mike Jacoby, Audie Baughman, Terrill Sweetwood, Paul Knight, Dennis McNinch, Darlene Hummingbird, Andy Day. Row 2: Ray High, Steve Mohler, Phil Reinkemeyer, Bill Olson. Row 1: Kevin Hine, Mark Wittenborn, Don Miller, Tony VanSchuyver, Viv Nel, John Sturd. 2. ACHS runners start off in the middle of the crowd at the Echo Hills course in Wichita. 3. June Paisley, Monica McKinney and Patty Tieperman surround Marianne Spear while she relaxes after winning the Ark Valley League race. 4. Mark Wittenborn, Tony VanSchuyver, Dennis McNinch and Andy Day watch Cross Country Coach Dale Eggen record times and finishes.



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Ann Foster, Karen Baucus Play at State

The 1976-77 ACHS Girls' Golf team had a full schedule this season.

"As a whole, I think the team improved this year in their performances," said Girls' Golf Coach Doug Ewing.

"We were able to take some girls, for the first time, to the state tournament, with Karen Baucus and Ann Foster going as a two-woman team," Ewing added.

Baucus and Foster finished twelvth at the state meet.

In the second competition of the season,

the Girls' Golf team hosted the Arkansas City Invitational where the four-woman team placed fourth.
Karen Baucus, junior

5. Sophomore Karen Foster checks the placement of her golf ball so she won't miss her putt again. 6. 1976-77 Girls' Varsity Golf team—Back Row: Dee Jurrens, Ann Foster, Karen Baucus, Doug Ewing, coach. Row 1: Karen Foster, Jody Iverson. 7. Jody Iverson looks on as Gail DeVore takes a few practice swings trying to decide whether Hole #13 will be a jinx to her. 8. Unaware that she is being watched, Monica McKinney tries to improve her lie in a sandtrap at the Arkansas City Country Club.



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Tough League Overpowers Young Team

It was a tough season for the ACHS Boys' Varsity Football team and their head coach Richard Mehuron as they compiled a three wins to six losses season.

"Experience is the name of the game," said Mehuron at the beginning of the season. He opened his second year as head coach with only six returning starters.

ACHS was dropped in their season opener by Wichita West, 47-0. The Bulldogs came back two weeks later with a victory over AVL foe Newton, 18-6. Derby and Hutchinson also were beat by ACHS during the season.

1. 1976-77 Varsity Football team—Back Row: Vance Searle, Danny Vincent, Joe Shriver, Steve Bumpas, Gary Anstine, James Fry, Rick Teague, Chuck Ward, Kirby Koch, Mike Hylton. Row 2: Dennis Wedd, David May, Dyke Hensley, Steve Sherman, Tom McCoy, Bob Johnson, Paul Bailey, Chris Adamson, Mike Watters, Scott Grant, Scott Tipton, T.R. Hines. Row 1: Kent Bogart, Mark Mann, Lynn Callison, Steve Hunt, David Colquhoun, James Sherman, David Loving, Mike Henderson, Toby Jennings, Ed Weston, Roy Hadicke.

2. During the inter-squad scrimmage the two squads face off against each other as play is called. 3. T.R. Hines and Mike Hylton tape Mark Mann's injured ankle during a game. 4. Chuck Ward ties to make a clean run past an oncoming tackle. 5. Chris Adamson lunges for a few extra inches that will get the Bulldogs closer to the goalline during the Homecoming game.

6. 1976-77 Sophomore Football team—Back Row: Randy Frank, Dale Postlewait, David Bousson. Row 2: Devin Graves, John Milner, David Louge, Bruce Knight, Jeff Young, Dwayne Callison, Jeff Ramsey, Jim Cole, Joe Woodard, Neal Johnson. Row 1: Jerry Sherman, Richard Coldwell, Greg Merry, Johnny Unruh, James Judie, Mark Lolar, Joe Berry, Brad Demo, Marty Kinzie.

7. Coach Rich Mehuron watches action from the sideline. 8. Chris Adamson eludes tacklers as he circles wide around the scrimmage line.



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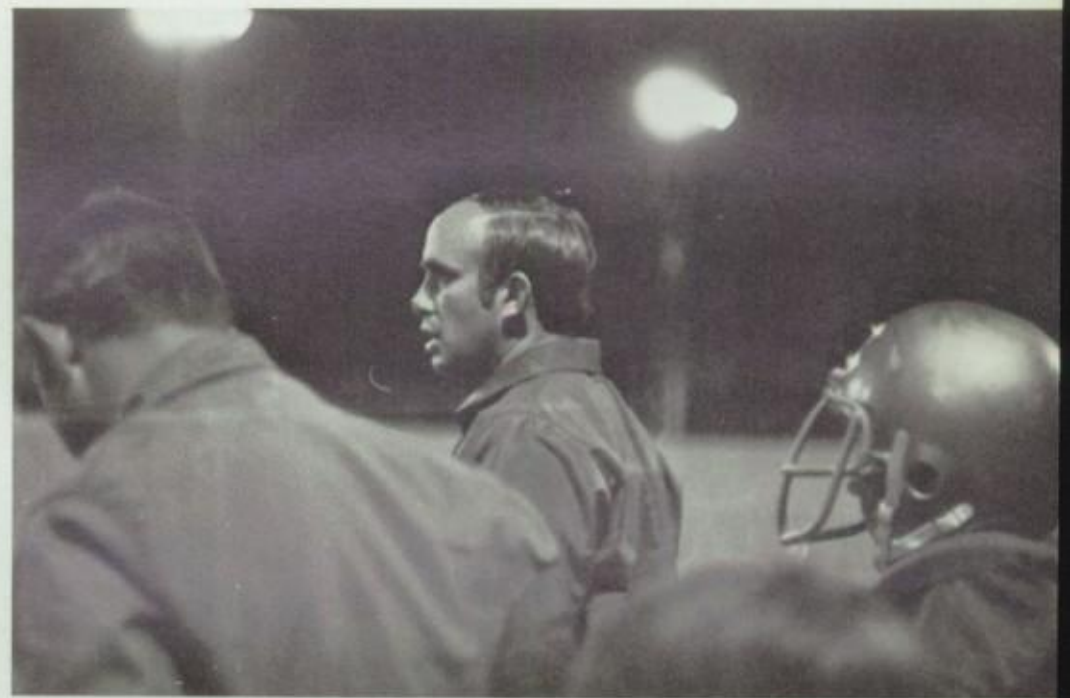
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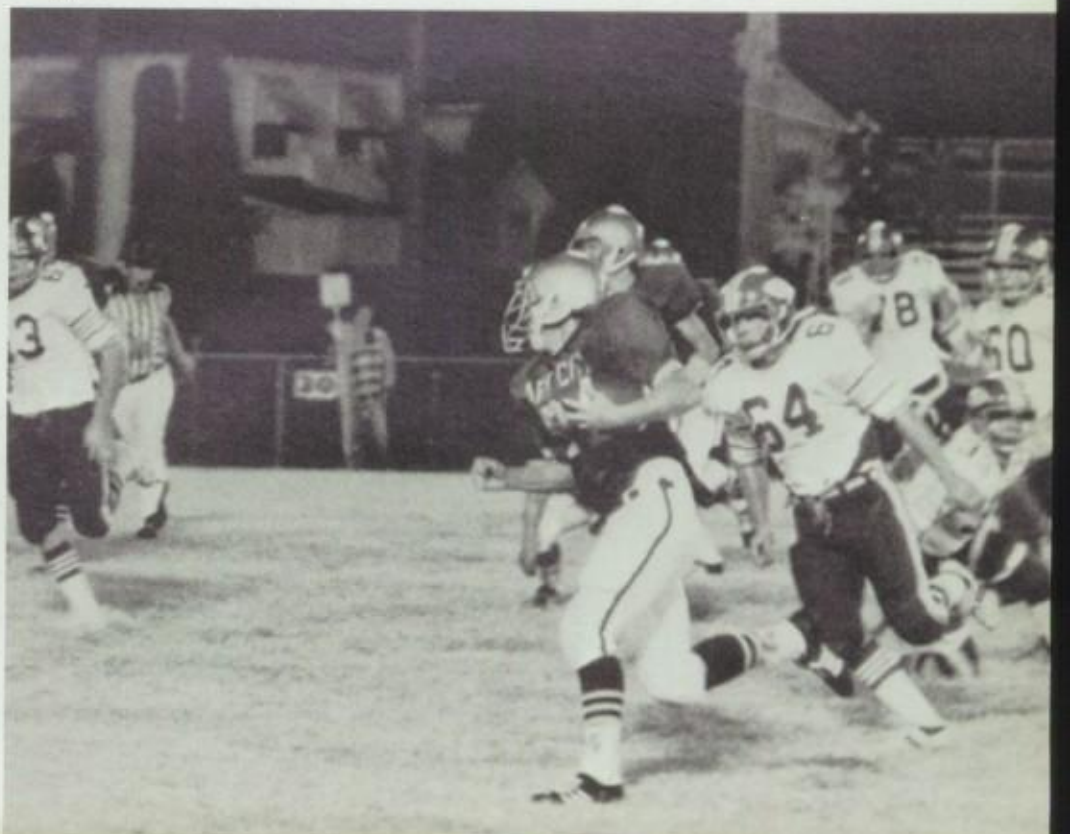
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Gymnasts Win Third at State

The 1976-77 ACHS Girls' Gymnastics season brought about a new coach, Martha Reeves, and a third place finish in the State Gymnastics Meet in Topeka on December 18.

Reeves, who was fresh out of college this year, had no special training in the sport but she did compete in gymnastics in both high school and college.

"I was lucky to have had a team that knew so much about the judging, scoring and work-outs needed for their sport," said Reeves.

"I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the girls involved and value the lessons I learned from my responsibilities," Reeves added.

Reeves said that discipline was rarely needed. The team was lucky to sustain only minor injuries that were mostly expected considering the sport; torn hands, bruises and sore muscles.

"That was great," Reeves said about the team's third place at the state meet. "The team and myself were so pleased to have ended such a long season so well, which made it all worthwhile."

Although the gymnastics team was small, Reeves said that each member was a powerful competitor. Most of the girls competed in more than one or two of the four events, whereas other teams took many girls who were talented in only one event.

Junior Becky Lahman, whose special talent was on the uneven bars, competed most of the season in the All-Around, all four events. She took third at state in that event and second in the uneven bars at state.

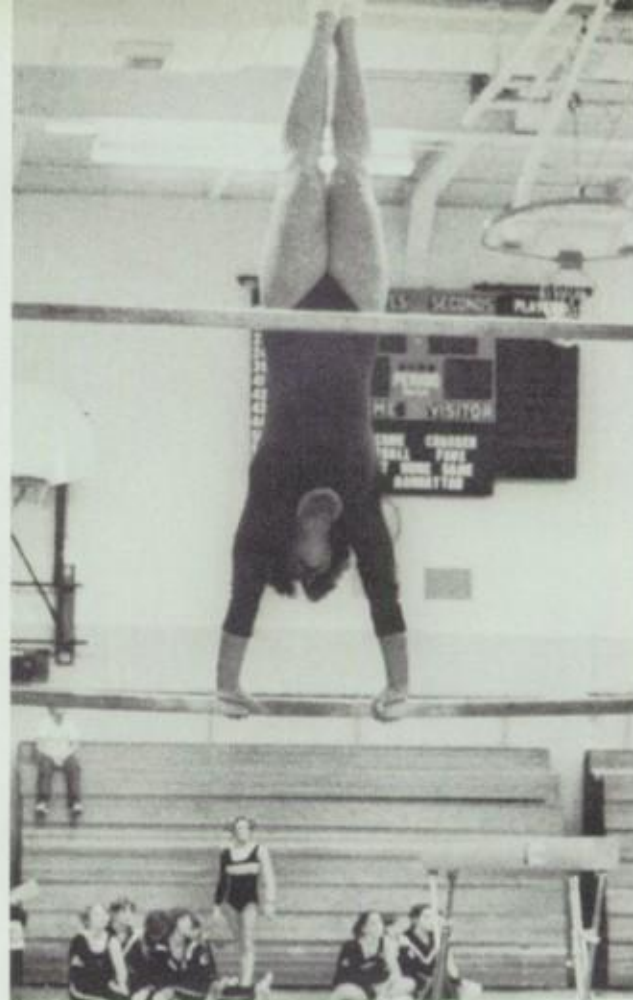
There was only one senior on the gymnastics team this year, Barbara Rakestraw, who competed in vaulting, so the possibility of a strong team next year is good.

1. 1976-77 Girls' Varsity Gymnastics team—From Back: Martha Reeves, coach; Barbara Rakestraw, Sandy Robertson, Pam Hood, Tricia Shore, Karen Larson, Debbie Walker, Christy Jarboe, Lisa Morris, Becky Lahman. 2. Gymnastics team members display their competition numbers as they rest after the day-long state gymnastics meet. Back Row: Lisa Morris. Row 1: Becky Lahman, Christy Jarboe, Pam Hood, Barbara Rakestraw, Debbie Walker. 3. Lisa Morris performs her balance beam routine at the Ark Valley League Meet. 4. Becky Lahman poses in a handstand position as part of her uneven bars routine at the state gymnastics meet. 5. Pam Hood practices a squat turn one last time before giving her balance beam routine at Topeka West. 6. Team members Debbie Walker, Pam Hood and Barbara Rakestraw warm up on the mats before state meet competition.

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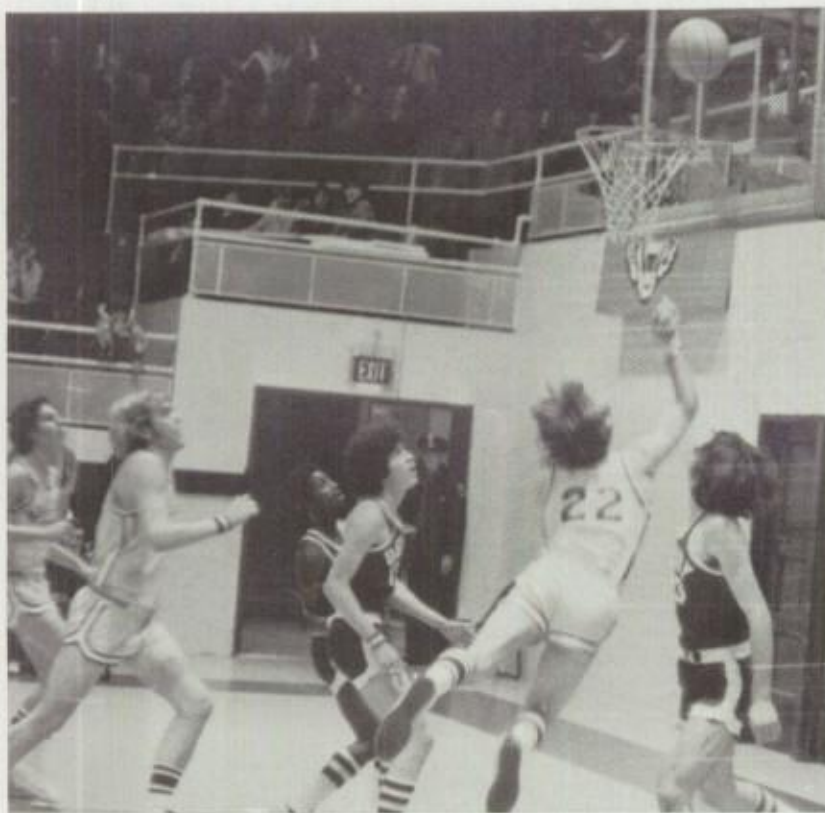
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Basketball Team Beats Winfield

The 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Basketball team had a rough season, losing all but two starters from the 1975-76 state tournament team. Returning starters were Seniors Steve Hunt and Darrell Dow.

One high point of the season was a homecourt victory over Ark Valley League for Wellington on Jan. 18. ACHS beat the Dukes 62-44 in a game in which ACHS never lost the lead and maintained a 50 per cent field average.

The Bulldogs, in non-AVL action, took fourth at the Roadrunner Classic at Chaparral on Jan. 27-29. ACHS placed fourth by beating Caldwell, 48-47, on the opening night and losing to Medicine Lodge, 51-30, the second night.

The team closed the season on a high note, beating league rival Winfield, 79-65. The game was also Winter Homecoming at ACHS.

1. The scoreboard reveals the closeness of the battle as ACHS plays on the Campus court. 2. Tad Stover and Jeff Kennedy try to

catch up as Steve Hunt leaves the ground on a layup. 3. Steve Hunt tries to bat a jumpball into the circle of Bulldog players: Darrell Dow (11), Jeff Kennedy (25), and Ed Weston (23). 4. 1976-77 Boys' Sophomore Basketball team—Back Row: Joe Woodard, Mark Joseph. Row 1: Charles Henderson, Bob Hirt, Joe Berry, Kenny Stull, Steve South, Ray High. 5. Boys' Basketball managers—Randy Frank, Mark Riedlinger, Phil DiVall, Jim Akers. 6. 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Basketball team—Back Row: Terrill Sweetwood, Mark Lolar, Ed Weston, Steve Hunt, Jeff Kennedy, Kevin Hine, John Sturd. Row 1: Scott Postlewait, Darrell Dow, Jeff Brown, Steve Mohler, Lynn Callison, Tad Stover, Tim Schimmel. 7. Head Basketball Coach Bill Means goes over the game plan during a time out at a home game. 8. Kevin Hine blocks his Derby opponent's attempt to dribble down the baseline. 9. During a picture-taking session Bill Means warns Darrell Dow and Ed Weston to behave or else.....



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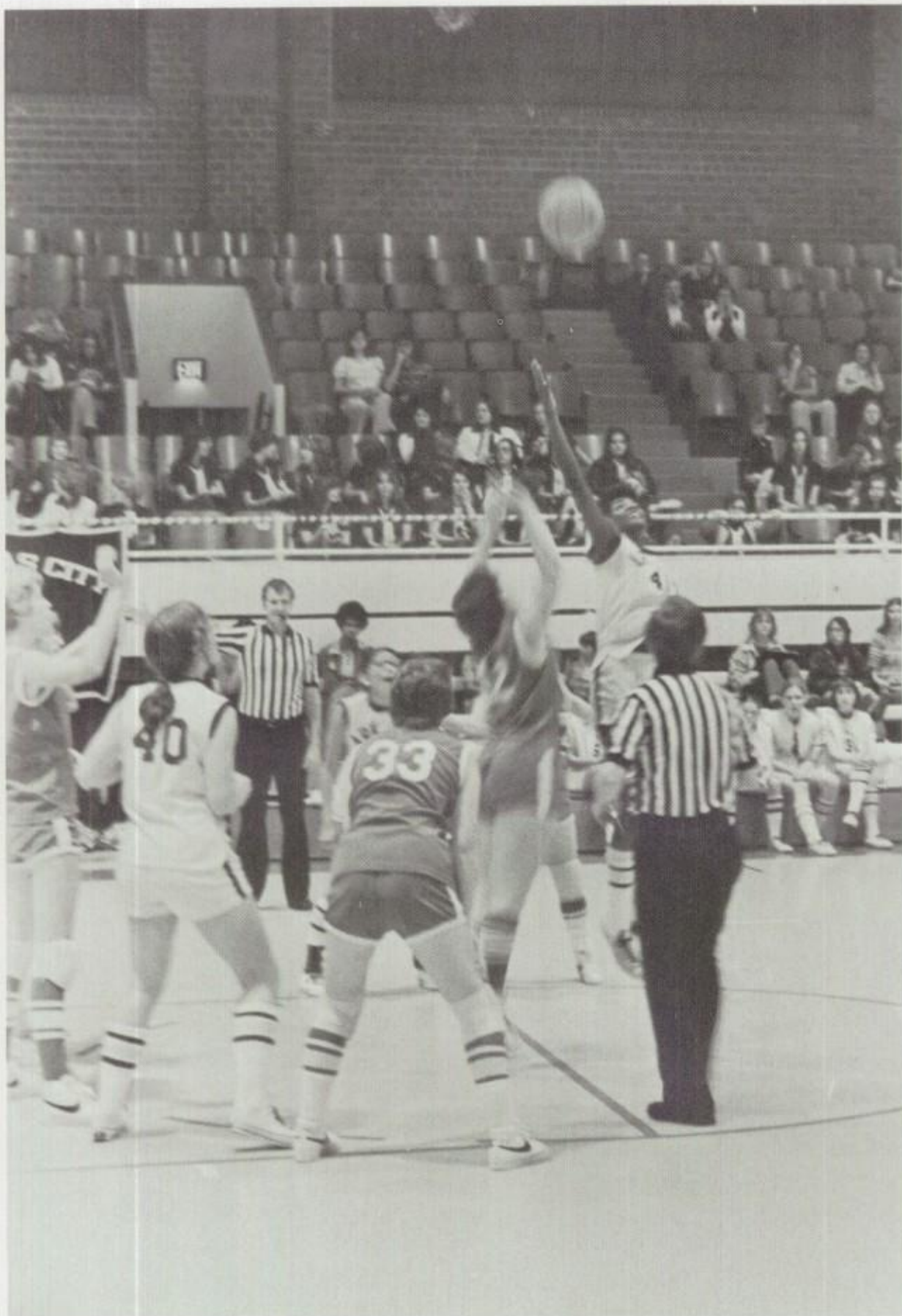
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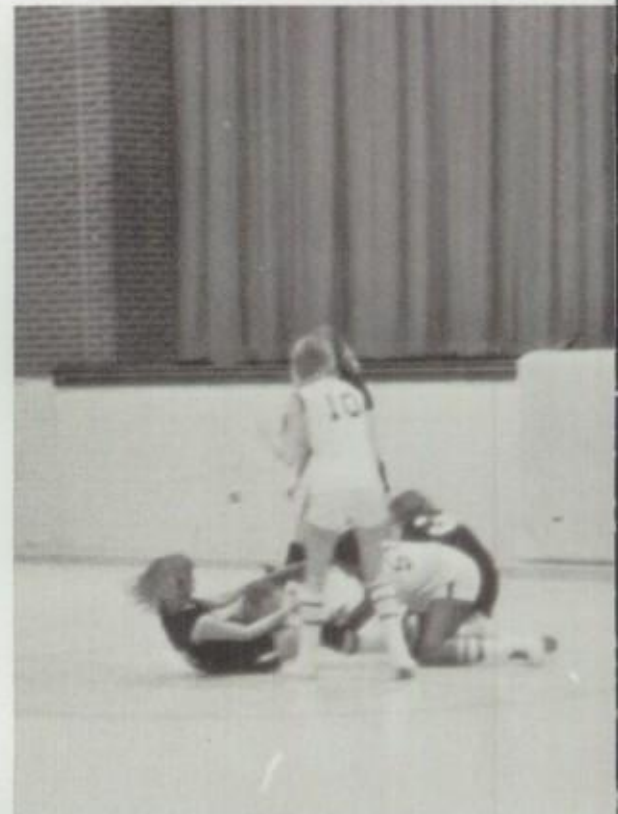
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Girls' Basketball Makes Gains in Second Year

In their second year of existence, the Girls' Varsity Basketball team won five games during their 15 game season. This was an improvement of five games over their first year,

The team boasted six returning letter-women as they began practice in November. They were Susie Guinn, Patty Tieperman, Julie Miller, Tracy Patton, Cindy Jarboe and Debbie Bushyhead.

The team shared practice time in the Aud-Gym with the boys' team, alternating with the boys' team from afternoon to evening practices every other week.

The schedule for the team also changed this year. Varsity games were no longer preceding the Boys' Varsity games. This year when the Girls' Varsity and B-team played in the Aud-Gym, the boys' team

played on the road and vice versa.

The Bulldogs toughest opponents were powerful Hutchinson and Newton teams, whose programs were longer established. But even in games that the Bulldogs lost, their presence was powerful. Five games that ACHS lost, they lost by 10 points or less.

Head Coach Phil Osborn said that the shooting percentage of the team improved this year along with their general ability to play as a team. Osborn's coaching job was made easier by the hiring of a new assistant coach, Barbara Krout.

1. Pam Harper outleaps her Hutchinson opponent to tip the jumpball to a teammate.
2. 1976-77 Girls' Varsity Basketball team—

Back Row: Julie Miller, Tracy Patton, Pam McCord, Georgia Morrison, Pam Harper, Darlene Hummingbird, Rita Dow, Debbie Bushyhead, Row 1: Cindy Jarboe, Marianne Spear, Ruth Griesel, Deb Humiston, Susie Guinn. 3. Candy Harper wrestles with two Campus players to control the ball as Dianna Dow reaches into the struggle to

help. 5. Rita Dow is astonished that the referee has called a personal foul on her. 6. Renee Headrick, Tammi Guinn and Tracy Patton watch as Assistant Coach Barbara Krout points out an aspect of game strategy that Coach Phil Osborn draws on paper courtside. 7. Varsity team hopefuls watch as Marianne Spear finished a two-hand layup assisted by Susie Guinn.



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Wrestlers Send Six to State Meet

The ACHS Boys' Varsity Wrestling team, coached by Jerry Hollis and Wayne Jackson, finished the 1976-77 season with six wins and two losses in Ark Valley League competition.

The Bulldogs had a young team with but three seniors. Eight juniors, three sophomores and Freshman Darren Daulton formed the remainder of the team.

ACHS tied for second in the AVL. Hollis considered this a victory because ACHS had only 15 wrestlers who competed against teams with 40 or more wrestlers.

"I was very, very pleased with the effort put forth by the boys this year because they worked hard all through the season and never gave up," said Hollis.

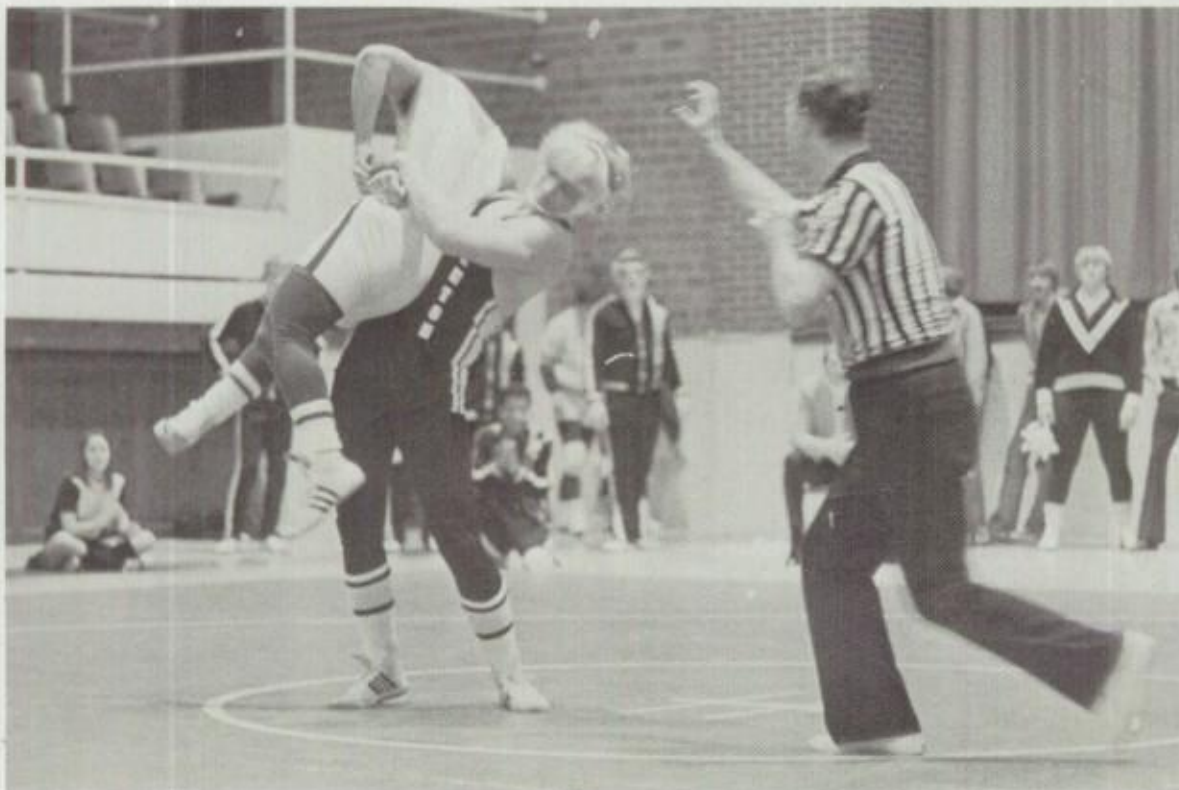
The Bulldogs sent six wrestlers to the state tournament in Emporia. Three of

them, Scott Tipton, third; T.R. Hines, third; and Lance Milliron, fourth; finished in the top four places. Also qualifying for the state tournament were Daulton, Junior Chris Adamson and Junior Rick Teague.

"Next year we will be looking for an Ark Valley title and even the state championship," Hollis added.

Chuck Ward, junior

1. Steve Geisler tries to pry himself out of the hold his Newton opponent has on him as the referee comes over to assist. 2. 1976-77 Boys' Wrestling team—Back Row: Steve Aguinaga, Chuck Ward, Scott Tipton, Rick Teague, James Sherman, Jim Cole, Steve Geisler, T.R. Hines, Chris Adamson. Row 1: Clay Walker, Charles Gillock, Brad Horton, Mark Mann, Lance Milliron, Barry Viola, Robert Richardson, Dwayne Calli-



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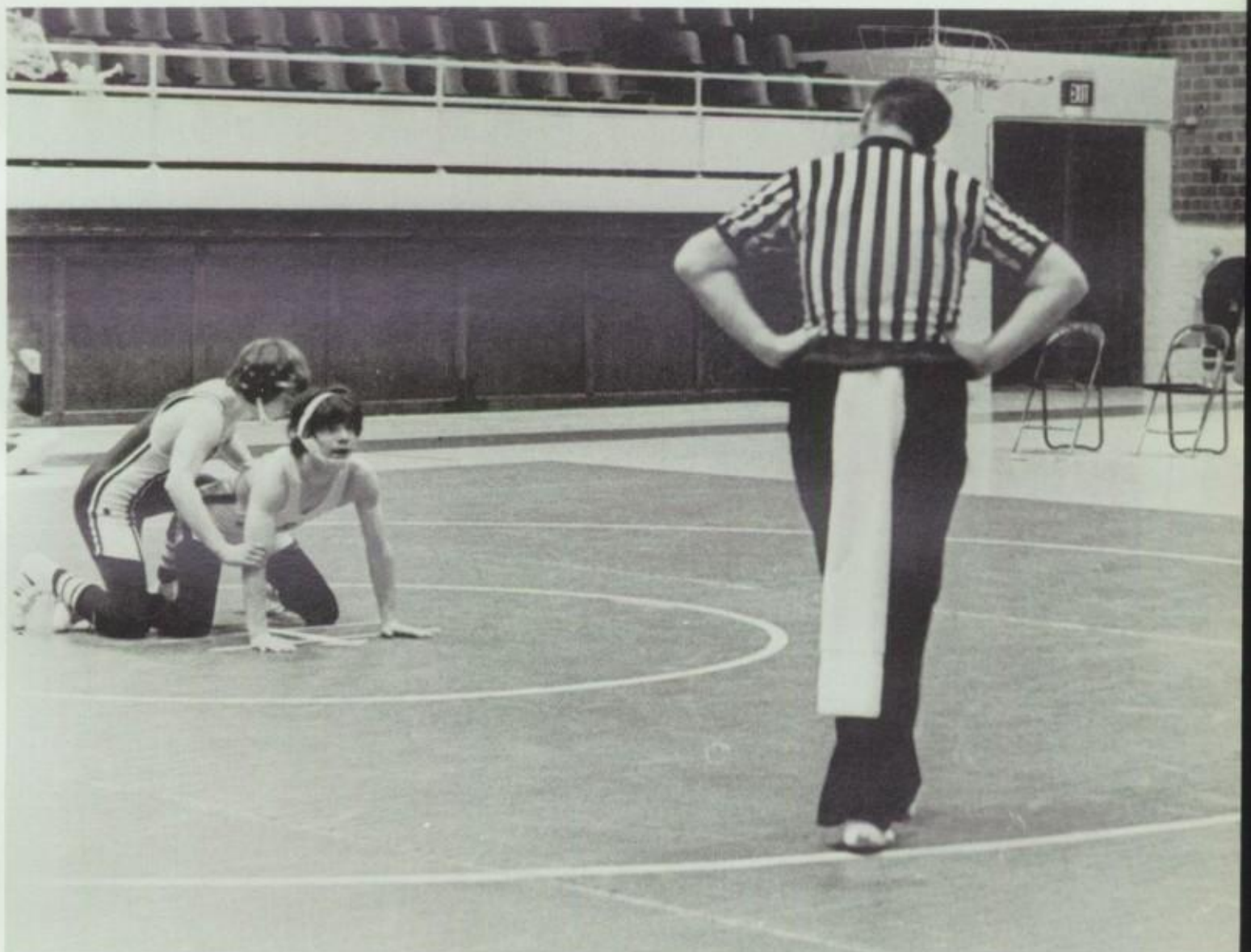
son, Gary Anstine. 3. T.R. Hines watches as coaches and the referee examine his opponent for possible injuries after their match. 4. With the referee watching, Rick Teague shakes hands with his opponent at the beginning of his match. 5. Gary Anstine is cautioned by the referee as he tries to flip his opponent over on the mat. 6. "Are you sure this is the way All-Star Wrestling got started?" asks Mark Mann of the referee. 7. Scott Tipton's opponent doesn't know which end is up as Tipton moves to pin down his opponent's other shoulder blade.



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Walker First At State Meet

The 1976-77 season was very successful for the Girls' Varsity Track team as three girls placed in the top six at state and the team took eighth at the state meet in Wichita.

Leading ACHS at state was Debbie Walker in the 110-yard low hurdles, who not only took first place in that event but also broke the state record at 14.7. Throughout the season Walker took firsts in that event including the Ark Valley League and regional meets.

Sophomore Tammi Guinn took third in the half mile at the state meet. She also

placed high in all season meets.

At the regional meet, hosted by ACHS, Ruth Griesel broke the school record with 5'2" in the high jump. She went on to take fifth at the state meet.

Senior Marianne Spear also qualified for the state meet in the mile but failed to place in the top six at the state meet.

The team as a whole had a strong season, including a first place at the Wellington Invitational and second place at the Ark Valley League Meet.

Sophomores added a lot of depth to the team during the season. Sophomore Debbie Jordan broke the school record in the shotput and Cassandra Hodge brought in two first in the 220-yard dash during the season.

1. 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Track team—Back Row: Randy Frank, manager; Stuart Scott, Audie Baughman, Pat Metcalf, Kerry Condit, T.R. Hines, Bruce Crittenden. Row 3: Rick Teague, Stuart Thielan, Chris Waldorf, Chris Adamson, Dennis McNinch, Ray High. Row 2: Mike Hylton, Ray Kennedy, Dave Geisler, Scott Postlewait, Troy Miller, Andy Day, Mike Jacoby. Row 1: Tommy Scott, Chuck Ward, Bill Olson, Danny Vincent, Danny Stockton, Mark Wittenborn, Paul Knight. 2. Assistant Track Coach Bill Means, timer in hand, gives encouragement to both the two milers and the Santa Fe railroad at the Ark Valley League Meet. 3. Scott Postlewait takes the baton from a tired Rick Teague for the second leg of the mile relay at the Ark Valley

Boys Tracksters In Tough AVL

The 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Track season was a busy one with the Bulldogs hosting four different meets; Arkansas City Triangular, Arkansas City Invitational, Ark Velly League Meet and Regionals.

One reason why Arkansas City was able to host those meets was because of the top-quality synthetic track located at the junior high.

The team had a very good year considering the small size of the team, said Boys' Track Coach Garrah Ibach, who also ran for ACHS when he was in high school.

"I was pleased with some very fine performances by the boys this year," said Ibach.

Among those efforts were Junior Dan Stockton's and the mile relay's qualification for the state meet. Stockton took third in the mile at regionals while Rick Teague, David Sweely, Scott Postlewait and Paul Knight combined for first in the mile relay at regionals, hosted by ACHS.



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League Meet. 4. The other competitors in the 110-low hurdles watch in awe as Debbie Walker clears the hurdle with ease, practicing for her victory in the preliminaries of regional competition. 5. Ruth Griesel checks over her shoulder to make sure that she is landing on something soft after clearing 5'2" in regional competition. 6. 1976-77 Girls' Varsity Track team—Back Row: Anita LaBrue, Beth Hummingbird. Row 6: Angie Virden, Susie Guinn. Row 5: Del Broadrick, Cindy Jarboe. Row 4: Teresa LaBrue, Connie Palmer, Cassandra Hodge, Melissa Sweely, Yvonne Hatcher, Becky Boyer, Susan Estep, Kelly McCormick, Clemma Stone, assistant coach. Row 3: Norma Dixon, coach; Michelle Budd, Tammy Schneider, Debbie Walker, Mary Adamson, Diane Meyers, Joyce Mann, Kim Kruger, Michelle Wampler, Tammy Thresher, Ruth Griesel, Robbye Mathews. Row 2: Ruth Ann Walker, Jan Johnson, Karen Larson, Darlene Hummingbird, Connie Bowman, Dawn Kempf, Janet Sanford, Renee Headrick, Christy Jarboe, Monica McKinney, Pam Hood. Row 1: Tammy Hollins, Ann Dornhoffer, Diana Sodowsky, Tammi Guinn, Sherry Banta, Kelly Young, Kim Roberts, Karen Foster, Judy Carroll, Marianne Spear, Karen Baucus, Vicki Evans, Ann Foster. 7. Tammy Tresher tries to hold up Marianne Spear after the mile run at the Southwestern Relays.



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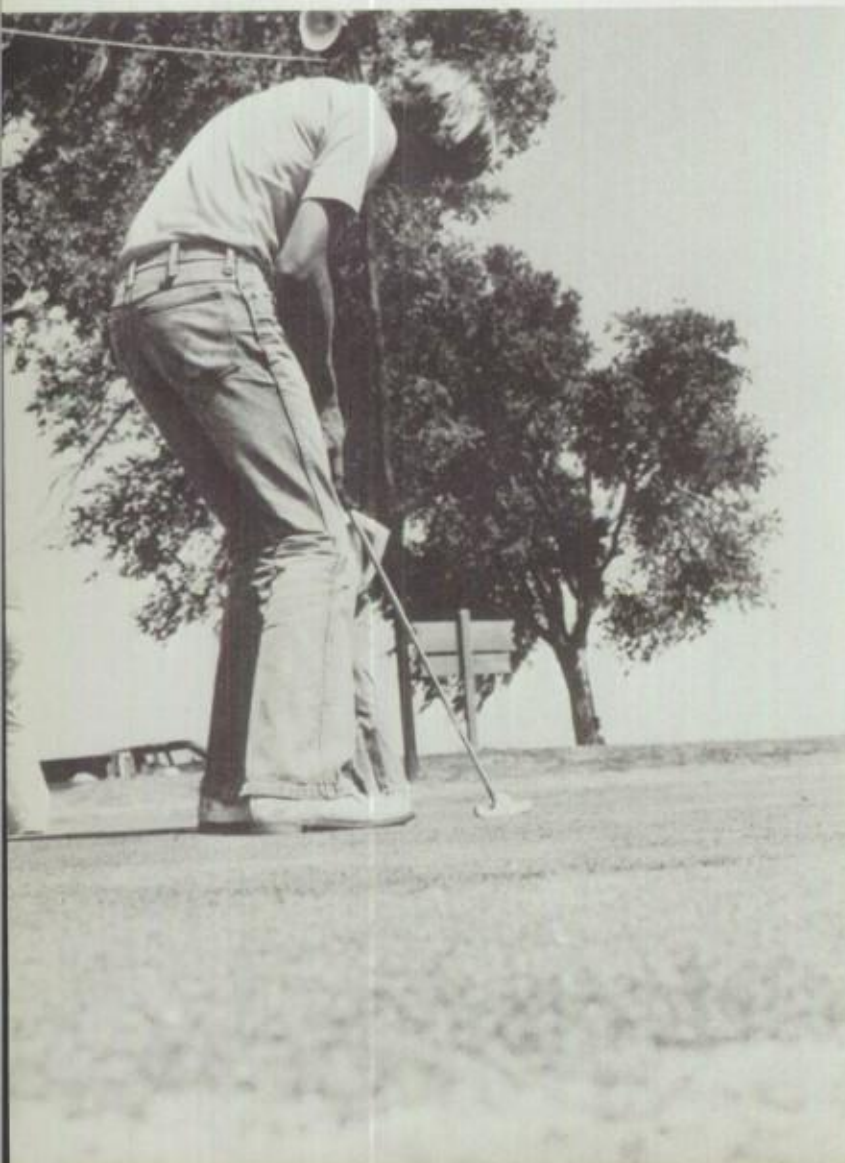


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4—Man Team Goes to State

The Boys' Varsity Golf team had a slow start this season but got their game together at regional competition. The four-man team of Brent Foster, Brad Demo, Rob Wilkins and David Colquhoun finished second at regionals, enough to qualify for the state meet at Manhattan on May 19-20. At the state meet the team finished ninth.

"We've had a lot of tough competition this year playing against two of the top teams in the state; Wellington, who is the defending 3-A State Champions and Hutchinson, who is the 5-A Champions," said Head Boys' Golf Coach Richard Mehuron. Mehuron also said that the team had done a good job with these teams.

David Colquhoun was the Bulldogs' number one man this season, averaging nine strokes over par before he broke his wrist, said Mehuron. Before Colquhoun's nonsport-related accident he was also rated the third best man in the Ark Valley League.

1. David Colquhoun found out that golf practices in wintry March takes a certain courage. 2. Brent Foster takes one last putt on the practice green before starting a round of 18 holes. 3. 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Golf team—Back Row: Russell Fridley, Kirby Koch, Greg Poling, Mark Riedlinger, Brent Foster, Jeff Larmer. Row 1: Jeff Young, Barry Viola, Steve Sherman, Brad Demo, Rob Wilkins, Ed Erickson, David Colquhoun. 4. Rob Wilkins gives Ed Erickson a free lesson on the finer points of putting. 5. Pitcher David Martin catches his opponent off guard at first base. 6. First baseman James Sherman jumps off the bag trying to catch an overthrown ball. 7. 1976-77 Boys' Baseball team—Back Row:

Andy McIntire, Dwayne Callison, David Ruch, Jeff Ramsey, Stan Howerton, Darren Sherwood, Neal Johnson, Mark Joseph. Row 3: Leslie Sexton, Rick Watson, Kody Givens, Rod Arnett, Alan Thresher, Marty Kinzie, Joe Phillips, Johnny Unruh, Tim Schimmel. Row 2: Jeff Richardson, David May, Bob Johnson, Scott Tipton, Craig Campbell, David Daulton. Row 1: David Martin, Kent Bogart, Greg Schones, Mike Henderson, James Sherman, Lynn Callison. 8. Assistant Coach Doug Ewing congratulates Mike Henderson after Henderson singles in the district game. 9. David

Rush and Lynn Callison wish each other luck before going to bat in the final season game.

Diamond Men Face Wet Year

The 1976-77 Boys' Varsity Baseball team had a very wet season. Three of their games were rained out and most of them were played on wet ground, said Coach Jan Nittler.

Nittler said that on one occasion the Coffeyville ball team had somehow "messed up" their schedule and arrived a day late for the scheduled game. To accommodate the Coffeyville team, the Bulldogs played a double-header on Sadie Hawkins Day.

The team had three injured persons, Senior Mike Henderson who twisted his ankle; Junior Stan Scott who broke his ankle; and Senior Mark Mann who was out awhile with a back injury from wrestling season.

The teams record for the 1976-77 year was 8-12 overall and 3-7 in Ark Valley League action.



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Boys' Tennis Takes AVL

The Boys' Varsity Tennis team had another successful season this year as the doubles team of Bobby Grout and Steve Mohler finished second at the state tennis meet in Emporia. Grout, Mohler, Gevan Johnston, Mike Watters and Bobby Buffo all qualified for the state meet by finishing in at least the top four places in regionals.

The varsity team took first at regionals after placing first in the Ark Valley League Meet, hosted by ACHS on May 5.

"All the boys have done well this year with each of them taking a first, in either singles or doubles at sometime during the season," said Boys' Tennis Coach J.C. Louderback, who completed his twentieth year of coaching tennis at ACHS.

Louderback also said that competition this year had been good since most of the teams they met were young. This means that competition in the next two to three years would be just as good, said Louderback.

One highlight of the season was the Bulldog first place finish in the eight team Hutchinson Invitational. ACHS No. 1 singles player, Bobby Grout, and the doubles team of Steve Mohler and John Sturd took firsts. The team also finished first at the Ponca City, Okla. Dual and in the Arkansas City Quadrangular.

This season ACHS also resumed competition in the Wichita East Invitational. Last year, said Louderback the team didn't participate in the 26-team tournament because of time conflicts. ACHS took first in the tournament.

The squad also hosted a Tri-State Invitational on April 7, with teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas participating.

The Boys' B-Team Tennis squad contributed strongly to the tennis program, finishing with an undefeated season. AFS student Viv Nel held the top spot on the B-Team, followed by Junior Jan Hatfield.

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA), announced in April that ACHS Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach J. C. Louderback had been selected as "District Tennis Coach-of-the-Year" for 1977. Louderback was nominated by fellow coaches in Kansas for "National High School Coach-of-the-Year" too.

The nominees were evaluated on the basis of high school career coaching or administrative excellence, performance in the specific sport and professional service to the coaching profession and high school athletics.

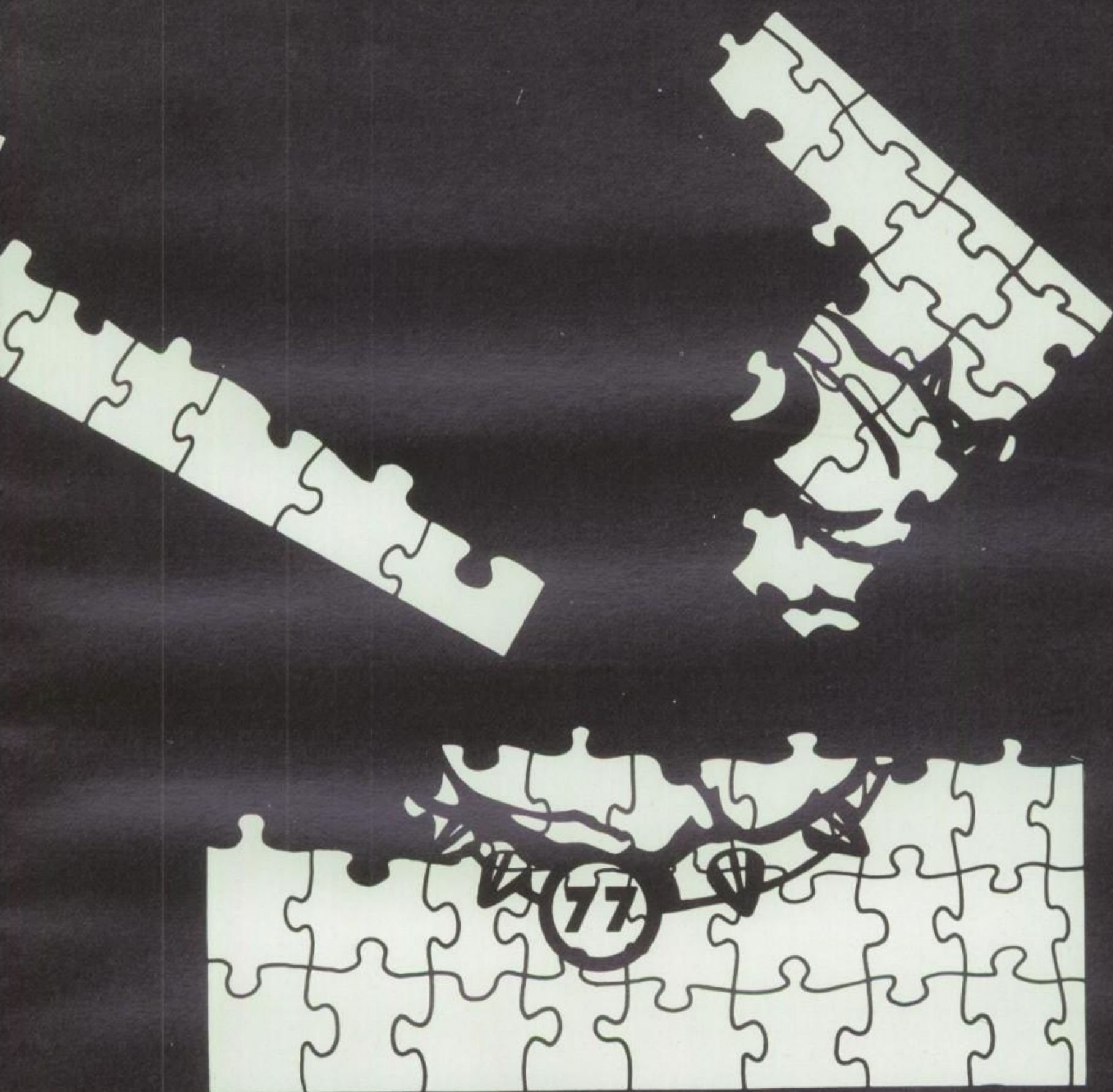
Louderback, along with the other seven district winners, was featured at the 12th Annual NHSACA National Convention-Clinic-National Awards Banquet on June 22 at the Hampton Coliseum in Hampton, Va. National Awards and other special awards were announced at that banquet.

The 1976-77 tennis season marked Louderback's twentieth year in coaching tennis. In his first two years as ACHS tennis coach, his number one doubles teams took state championships. Since 1960 his teams have won state or regional championships.

1. Bobby Grout doesn't have much court room left in which to return a long shot. 2. 1976-77 Boys' Tennis team—Back Row: John Milner, Steve Mohler, Gevan Johnston, Chris Carlson, Bobby Grout, Mike Watters, John Sturd. Row 1: Kent Seibel, Jamie Morris, Jan Hatfield, Bobby Buffo, Rex Carlson, Robert Gillock, Jim Akers. 5. Steve Mohler, who along with Grout took second in state, demonstrates his winning form. 6. Viv Nel, John Sturd, Mike Watters and Gevan Johnston take time out from practice to discuss, among other things, upcoming tournaments.

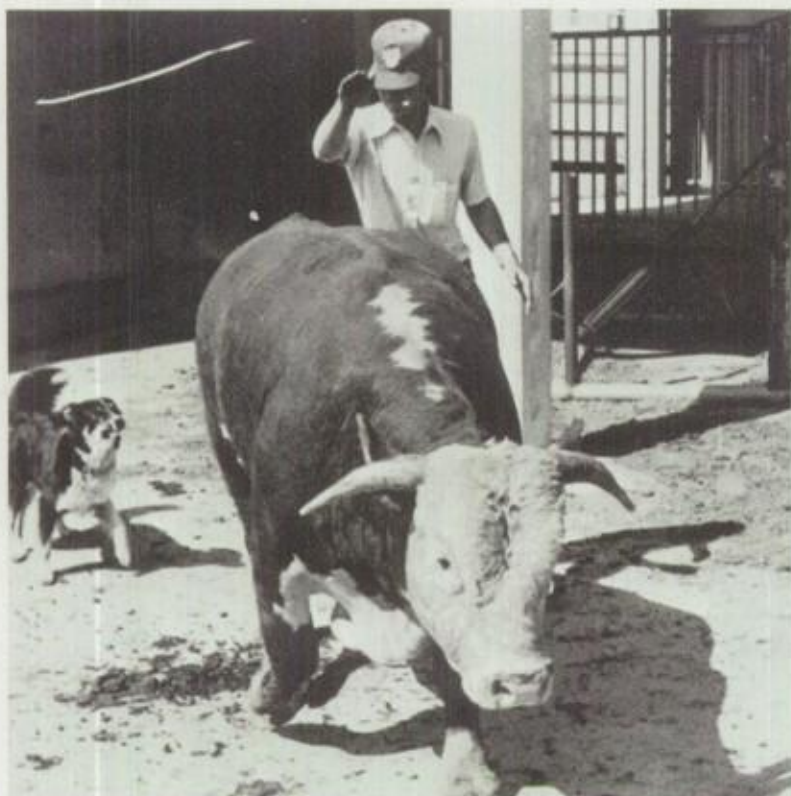






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The purpose of the Vocational Agricultural Department is to prepare students for an occupation in agriculture, whether the student chooses to return to the farm or to go into an agricultural-related job.

Agriculture students didn't just raise animals. They studied the various aspects of productivity, marketing and managing agriculture products. In addition, the students also learned about working in the areas of agriculture sales, service and processing.

The Vocational Agriculture Department was designed to offer any student a general over view of Animal Science and also to teach future farmers about farm management. In Farm Management students learned about things such as welding and proper rationing for show animals.

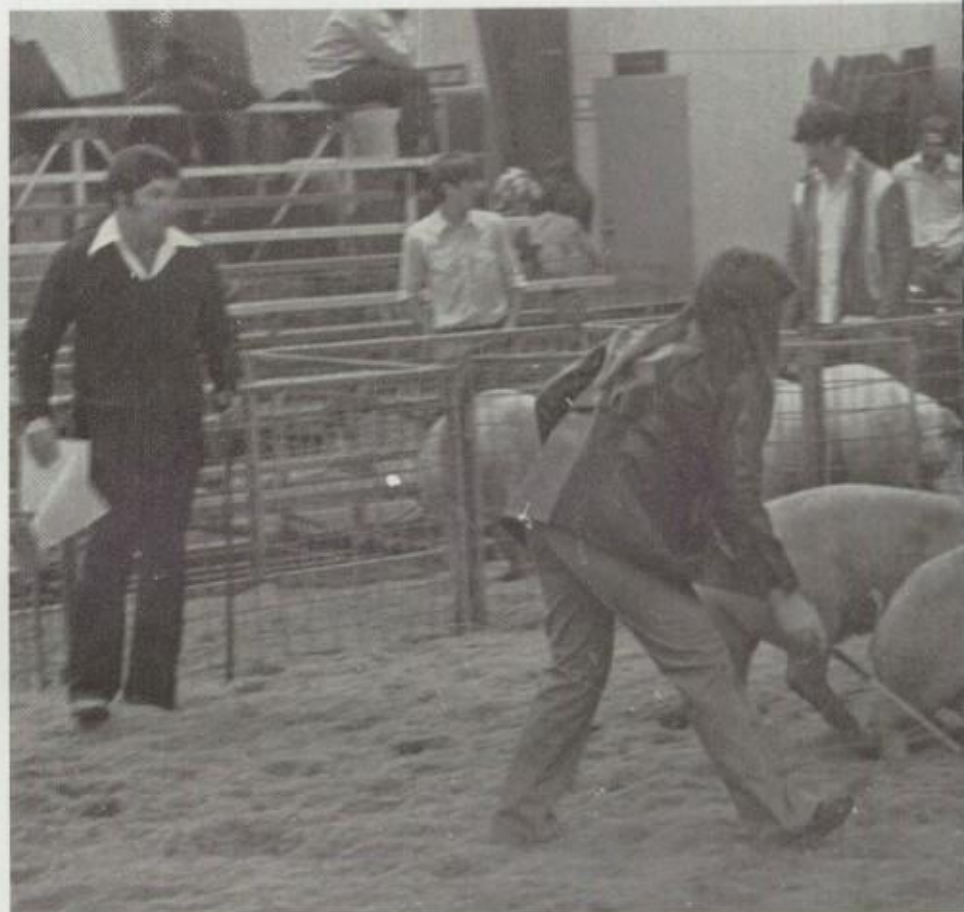
For both the general student and the vocationally-minded student, agriculture courses must have been worthwhile because enrollment in the department was up.

While membership in most clubs and the number of club activities was down this year, the ACHS chapter of Future Farmers of America (FFA) was going strong. To be in the club a student had to be enrolled in an agricultural course, said Rod Nulik, FFA sponsor and agriculture teacher.

FFA put on many different activities during the year including a judging contest, in which members participated as a team against other chapters; and a Kiddies Barnyard, which



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FFA set up during National FFA Week for the children in Arkansas City. During National FFA Week the club was active in sponsoring events and publicizing those events. The members wore their FFA uniforms one during the week, placed posters throughout Arkansas City and produced a radio program.

One of the most popular FFA events was the FFA Barnwarmer at the Agri-Business Building. At that event Junior Pam McCord was crowned the 1977 FFA Sweetheart Queen.

The list of activities during national week and Strong leadership was made possible in part by a slate of active FFA officers. They were Jeff Bryant, president; David Waggoner, vice president; Pam McCord, secretary; Mark Finley, treasurer; Dee Nulik, reporter; and Deanne Eastman, sentinel.

The FFA officers represented ACHS at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo., and at the State Convention in Manhattan.

This year the ACHS FFA officers took a work trip for four days to Grand Lake where they worked on FFA information and skied. The information they compiled was for leadership schools that they attended. The officers also used their leadership skills in parliamentary procedure to show the ACHS Stuco how to conduct meetings.

This year the ACHS FFA chapter was recognized as the number one chapter in Kansas. They won this distinction by filling out forms at the beginning of the year that listed the chapter's plans for the year. This form was about 15 to 20 pages, said Nulik.

In addition to that active slate, FFA also had an ice cream social, a hayrack ride and individual state fair projects.

Pam McCord, junior

1. Photographer Pam McCord doesn't pause too long to take pictures inside the pen of a bull.
2. Rod Nulik's Farm Management class makes one of their several field trips to see how local farmers set up their farms.
3. Dee Nulik prodes her hogs to one side of the pen at the annual hog

show in the Agri-Business Building.

4. Vocational-Agriculture teacher Rod Nulik weighs a hog at the local hog show.

5. 76-77 Future Farmers of America—Back Row: Kerry Condit, Michelle Green, Vicki Ledbetter, Coy Lloyd, Bruce Winegarner, Mark Hummingbird, Mark Bruce, Doug Tauscher, David Kielhorn, Robert Swanson. Row 3: Debbie Austin, Mark Swanson, Nancy Lind, Kim Winegarner, Jimmy Peppers, Wes Wells, Alan Bay, Larry Rahn, Donnie Grose, George Hopper, Monty Pool, Brad Heffner. Row 2: Richard Hasty, Eshia Ramey, Leann Tharp, Michelle Kloxin, Phil Bryant, David Coble, Darren Daulton, Doug Anstine, Rod Hoag, Audie Ramey, Bob Thielen. Row 1: Rod Nulik, sponsor; Mark Finley, Pam McCord, Jeff Bryant, David Waggoner, Harold Watson, sponsor.

6. Junior Pam McCord holds the roses she was presented when she was crowned local FFA Sweetheart this year.



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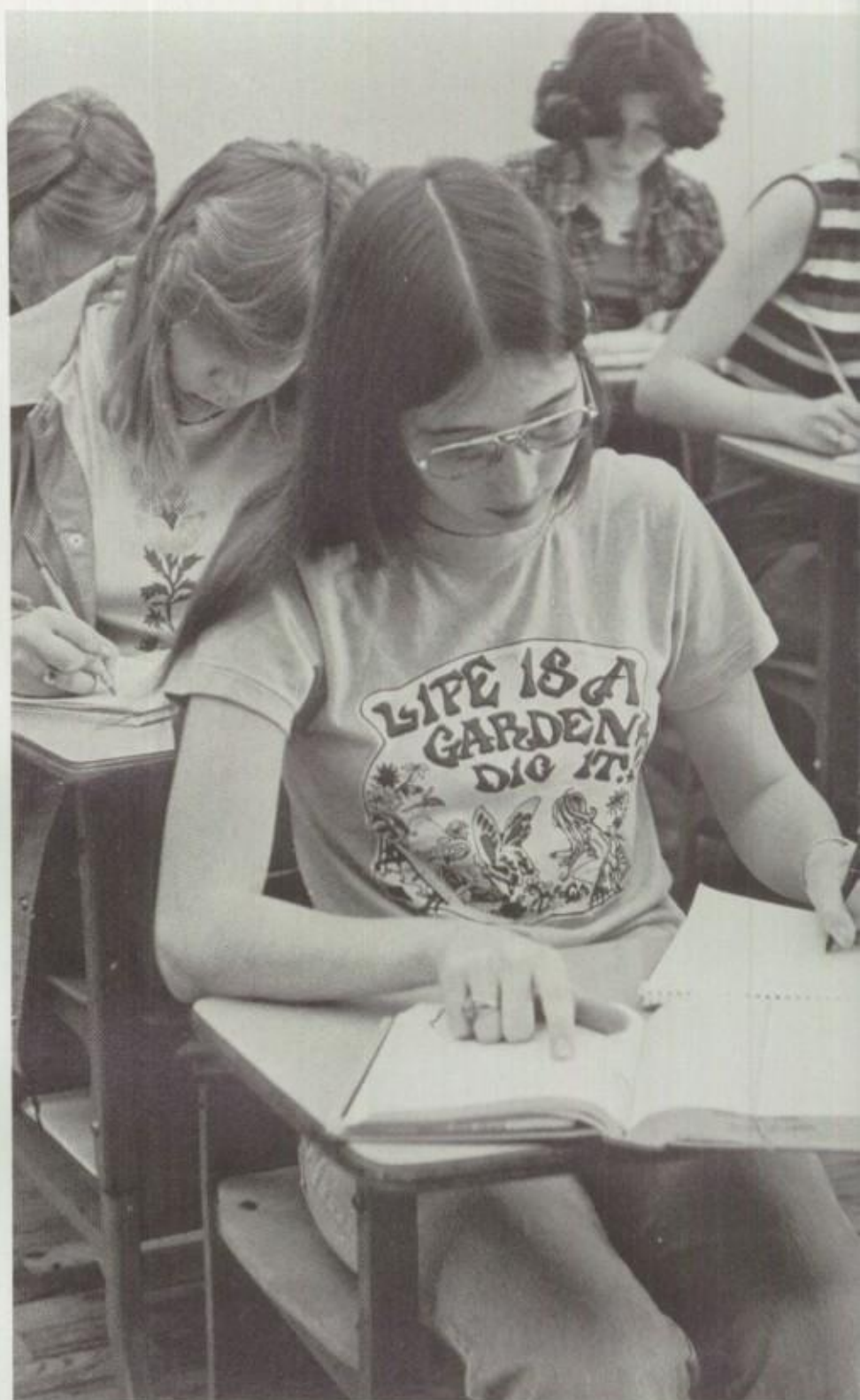
The Business Department offered students at ACHS one answer to the perverbial question: WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WHEN I GET OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL?

General Business provided the basics of the knowledge in business that students and graduates needed to know. It taught how to be a wise consumer, said Willa Howerton, business teacher and department chairman.

General Business also showedf students how to budget money and about the proper use of credit. The course also explored the world of insurance, a necessity for any automobile driver in Kansas. Also while studying insurance, students learned about insurance for homes, property and personal living.

Business Law, also taught by Howerton, dealt with everyday legal matters. Howerton said that she taught students to understand contracts, which was important because everybody enters a contract sometime or other.

For those students who had decided that they wanted to become a secretary of some kind there were a variety of courses offered through the Business Department. One of the courses was Shorthand, which not only helped students in the outside world but also in school, said Myrna Swanson, business teacher. Swanson said that students who had knowledge of shorthand could take notes on lectures and write private notes to friends who also knew shorthand.



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Another practical offered in secretarial skills was Secretarial Training, taught be Swanson. This course explored the world of working secretaries. In this course students learned how to answer phones, how to file properly, how to tyoe business letters and how to use office machines.

To help students keep their budgets and checkbooks in order, Bookkeeping was also an asset. Not only did it teach students about bank reconciliation but it was also the stepping stone to become a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), said Velda Stewart, business teacher.

Three different typing courses were offered at ACHS this year. Personal Typing covered the fundamentals of typing beyond the "hunt and peck" stage. In Typing I students learned how to type manuscripts and business letters and also about other rules of typing. Production Typing was offered to those students who wished to increase their proficiency and speed in typing. Advanced students in this course also got "on the job" training during that hour, said Verna Stuteville, business teacher. Typing courses have proved to be one of the most profitable courses at ACHS for students, said Stuteville.

Adding, calculating, transcribing and duplication are some of the skills learned in different office machine courses, taught by Stewart. Students in these classes provided needed office machine services to ACHS in their class assignments.



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This was the first year since its inception that the Arkansas City Business Club (ACBC), did not operate at ACHS. Swanson said that ACBC had been dropped because students were not interested and were not willing to work. She also added that the club would be brought back into existence when students were willing to devote time and interest to the club.
Jody Iverson, junior

1. Senior Maria Aucar is pleased that her figures balance in Accounting II class.
2. Junior Ileta Kisner wishes that her life in Myrna Swanson's Shorthand class were as simple as her tee-shirt makes it sound.
3. Senior Wanda Moser watches as Velda Stewart, business teacher, checks over Moser's Accounting assignment on her mini-calculator.
4. Senior Debbie Lowry, after running an unsuccessful tape, looks in the back of her accounting book to see if by chance the right answers are there.

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"With such a variety of English classes, it gives students a chance to take the courses best suited to our likes and dislikes," said Senior Becky Pratt.

At ACHS diversification in the English Department enables students to choose from a wide variety of courses to meet the four English minicourse requirement.

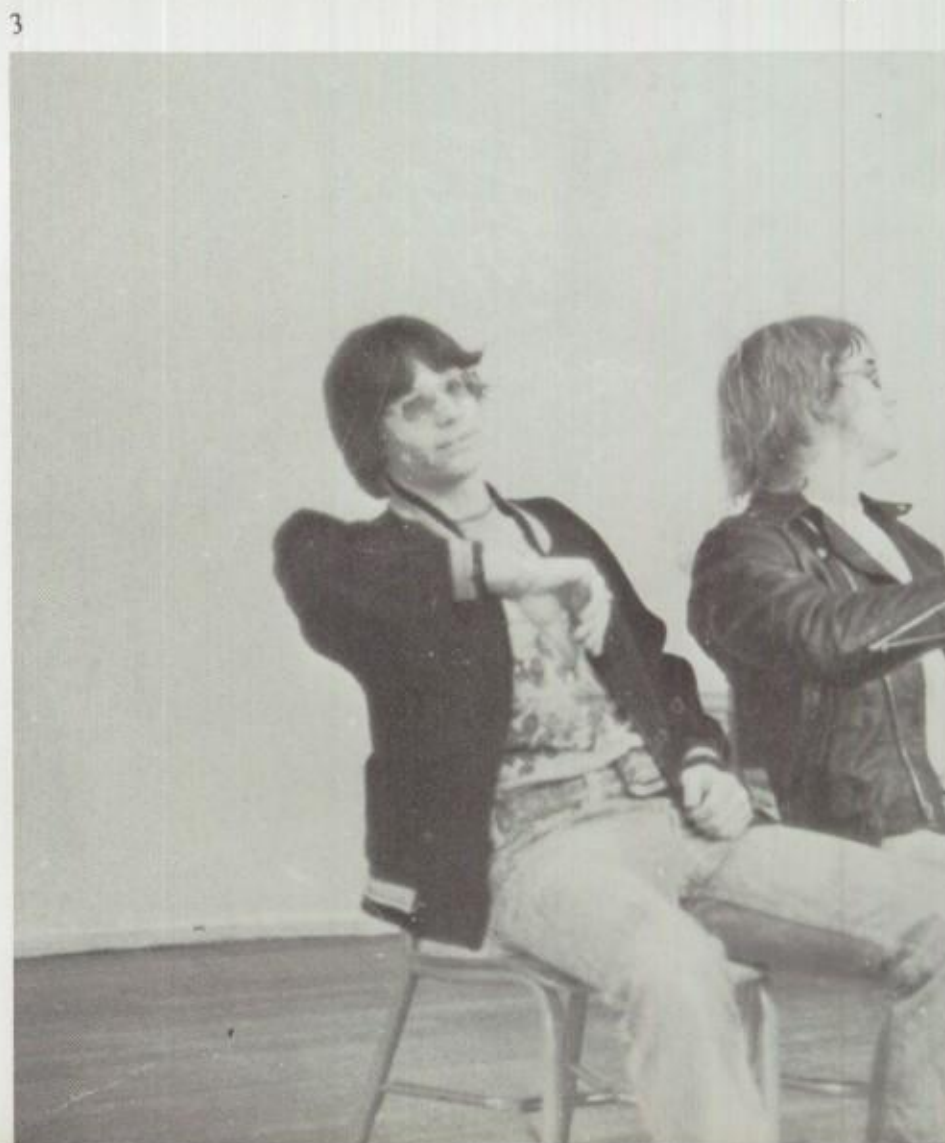
Students can choose English mini-courses ranging from Photography to a literature course called Edge of Reality; from Grammar 3200 (a do-it-yourself course) to Stagecraft. In all, there are 54 English courses offered at ACHS.

Not only do the English courses vary, but so do the fields of interests of the teachers who compose the English Department vary. In the English Department the teachers have individual teaching talents in the area of literature, composition, language, debate, speech, acting, photography and journalism.

"I think that the English Department really had its head together this year considering our diverse nature," said Sarah Wohlrabe, English and journalism teacher. "I really think that the English teachers at ACHS have seen and embodied our major goal; making sure students can read, write, understand and communicate with others."



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This year the English Department was conducting an internal audit by revising and updating the Phased Arkansas City English (PACE) Program. The PACE program ranks classes according to their difficulty. The English teachers also have been reviewing course objectives this year and are dropping Honors and Basic English next year. Suzy Stark, English Department chairman, said that the reason the tracking system was being dropped was that there had been an overload in Basic English and discrimination, based on prior academic achievement, for entering Honors English.

1. Senior Karen Walker finds a few moments to catch up on English assignments.
2. Junior Sharon Johnson seems a bit ravelled by the laughter of Joyce Magnus while she is trying to give a class report.
3. Jerry Fry and Dirk Trent try to give Bruce "Mr. Policeman" Griesel a plausible reason why they went through that last stoplight.
4. Jayne Alexander, as the Fuzzbug, and Dayle Larson, as John Willy, rehearse for a performance of "The Beeple."
5. Teacher Assistant Korbin Kraus asks English teacher Wilma Ledeker about grading procedures.

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Vandals Damage Library

On Friday, Oct. 1, sometime between 4:30 to 6 p.m., ACHS was illegally entered and the carpet in the Library was damaged, according to Librarian Robert Hicks.

It is believed that the person(s) entered the library to steal fine money. As always, said Hicks, the box containing the money was locked as a matter of security. Evidently the person(s) thought that destruction was the answer to their failure to obtain the money, so they took a bottle of India ink and splattered it across the carpet in the Library.

Janic Jones and Ruth Weber, custodians at ACHS, said that they put forth at least eight hours of more trying to clean the carpet. However, they said that the carpet was impossible to clean.

The total cost to repair the floor with tile came to \$372.23, said USD 470 Business Manager Herb Stone. The reason that the damaged area was replaced with tile instead of carpet was that tile would be cheaper, said Hicks.



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1. Terry Simons finds the silence of the library before school sufficient for tough studying.

2. Vandals damaged the library carpet in October. After months of trying to remove the ink stains, the carpet was replaced with tile.

3. New librarian Robert Hicks found much to say at faculty meetings about library equipment and fines.

4. Robert "Mr. Hyde" Hicks applies the library press to one of his library aides.

5. Senior David Clemente checks out the current magazine rack on the new tile portion in the library.

6. A student reads a magazine that a library aide obtained for him in the periodicals room.

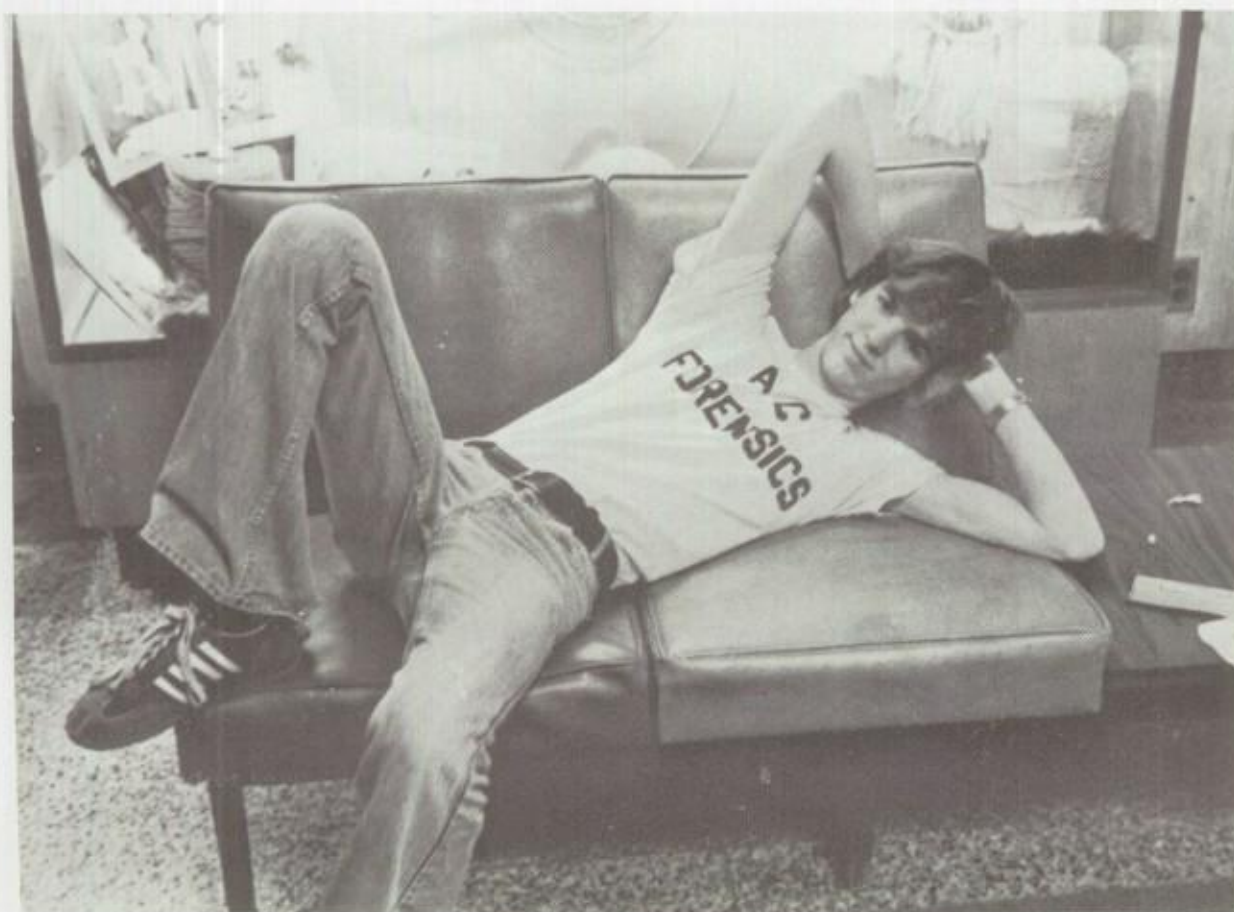
7. Harold Towles and Cathy Brister hide among the bookshelves hoping that their conversation is not overhead.



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The ACHS Forensics team finished a strong season as four students got superior ratings (I) and gold medals this year at the State Forensics meet in Great Bend on April 7. These students were Cheryl Whitford, who received two superior ratings in dramatic interpretation and prose reading; Connie Moore, in poetry reading; Ruth Ann Walker, in prose reading; and Cindy Miller, in orator.

Viv Nel, Steve Borrer, Cathy Morrison, Karen Walker, Karol Dowell and Dayle Larson also made it past regionals to attend state contest.

The team also went to six tournaments during the season.

The 1976-77 debate topic was: Resolved: That a Comprehensive Program of Penal Reform Should Be Adopted Throughout the United States.

Three students on the ACHS debate team received honors this year. The team of Viv Nel and Bill Beckelhimer received





third place at a Winfield novice tournament. Also the team of Cathy Morrison and Beckelhimer took third place at the Pittsburgh State College tournament.

Debates on this year's topic included everything from prison reform and capital punishment to the legalization of marijuana.

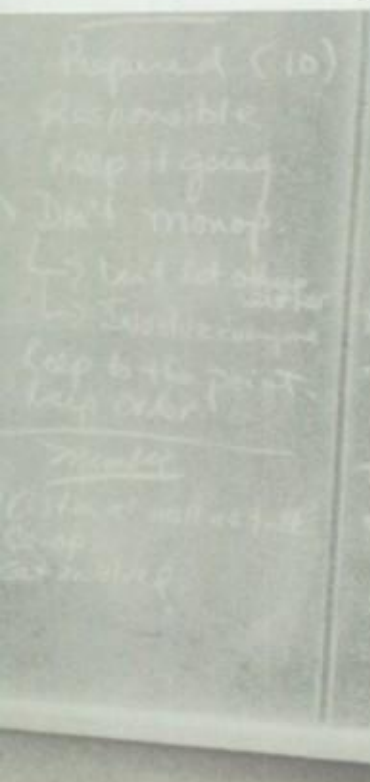
Sharon Yarbrough, English teacher and debate coach, said that the team had to be prepared in all categories of the topic. Yarbrough also said that the team didn't know until they got to the tournament on what the opposing team might debate. Because of this variability, a lot of time had to be spent on research, Yarbrough concluded.

Laura Tilson, junior

1. 1976-77 Forensics team—Back Row: Randy Frank, Cindy Miller, Dayle Larson, Cathy Morrison, Ruth Griesel. Row 2: Cheryl Whitford, Ruth Ann Walker, Viv Nel, Karen Walker, Sharon Yarbrough, coach. Row 1: Bill Beckelhimer, Connie Moore, Pam Patterson. 2. Senior Dayle Larson gets a little rest and relaxation on a school couch after performing at the State Forensics meet in Great Bend. 3. Forensics coach Sharon Yarbrough, with coloring book in hand, pouts as she finds that someone has ascounded with her favorite crayons. 4. Junior Cindy Miller squints in the sun as she psyches herself up for a debate tournament in Wichita. 5. Cathy Morrison practices for the next tournament during Debate class. 6. 1976-77 Debate team—Back Row :Cathy Morrison, Karen Walker, Kevin Hine, Cindy Miller, Row 1: Ruth Griesel, Randy Frank, Viv Nel, Bill Beckelhimer, David Waggoner.



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ARKLIGHT Staff Produces 17 Issues

The ARKLIGHT is the bi-weekly newspaper created, written, designed and delivered by a staff of 20 students this year.

Although the ARKLIGHT was not always appreciated by the student body as a whole, a finished paper brought a sense of accomplishment to the staff. The ARKLIGHT did not receive any awards this year nor did it claim to be a perfect paper, but it did inform the student body about what had happened and what would happen.

"It (the paper) was a lot of hard work but it always gave me a sense of self-satisfaction," said Jeri Pearman, features editor.

The ARKLIGHT staff was asked what they remembered most clearly about the year of working on the school paper.

—Melinda Hopkins, advertising, "The work and devotion."

—Dana Williams, advertising, "The first time I tried to sell an ad. The guy said that he wouldn't buy an ad, that I would have to sell it to him. I didn't know anything about ads."

—Chuck Wards, sports, "Hiding in the air-conditioned darkroom."

—Jan Hatfield, news, "It's more of a team project instead of a personal one."

—Rene Robson, editor, "All the gripes from the staff about deadlines and the feeling of ease and accomplishment when the paper came out."

—Jody Iverson, features, "Making rubber cement balls and playing baseball with them."

—Sarah Wohlrabe, adviser, "When the press broke and the compugraphic machines broke down the week the paper was to come out. I also remember the change in the students from handing in mediocre work to placing high standards on themselves. I was impressed with the way some students learned to become aggressive reporters."

Laura Tilson, junior



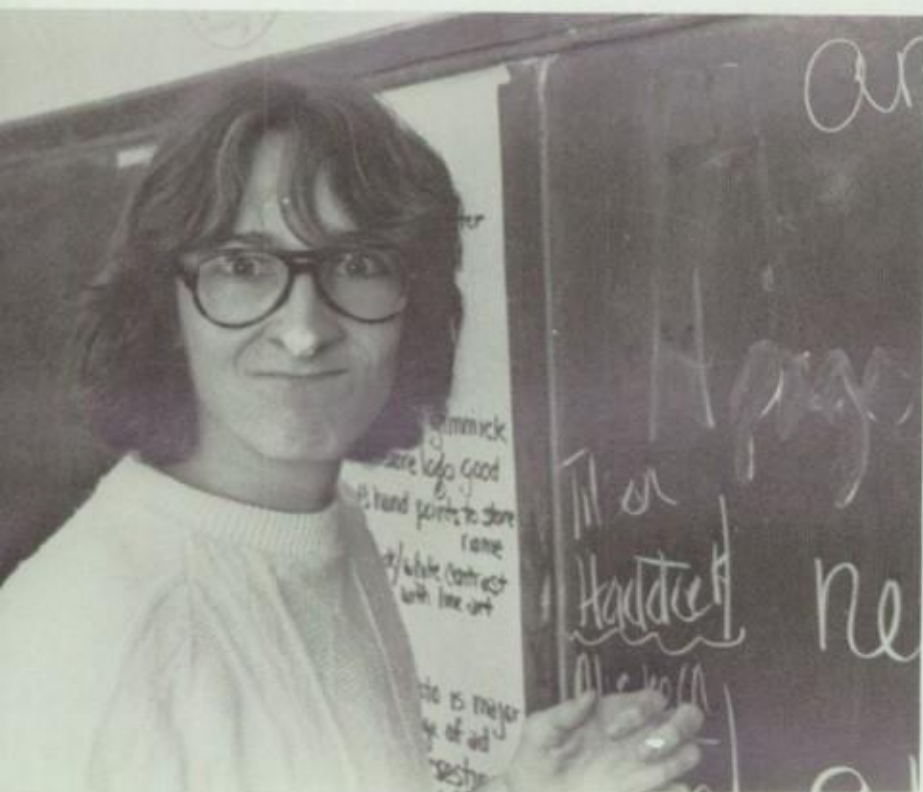
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1977 MIRROR Staff Faces Several Problems

"Where's the rubber cement?"

"I lost page 147."

"Come on now, smile."

These were some of the most familiar phrases heard in room W209 during 6th hour daily as the MIRROR staff worked to get the yearbook completed. The MIRROR staff this year had many problems to face such as a small staff, no money, a lack of interest in the student body for the MIRROR, a new adviser and short hours to do long-term work.

Junior Mark Shaw, staff photographer, said, "At times the staff was really discouraged and I wondered if it was all worthwhile."

"It's tough to put out a yearbook when you have no one to back you," said Senior Mary Struble, classes editor. "You begin to feel as though it's your yearbook and not the school's and you just don't want to be bothered with it. And when it finally comes out you're proud of it until the student body, which didn't contribute to its publication at all, totally knocks your work."

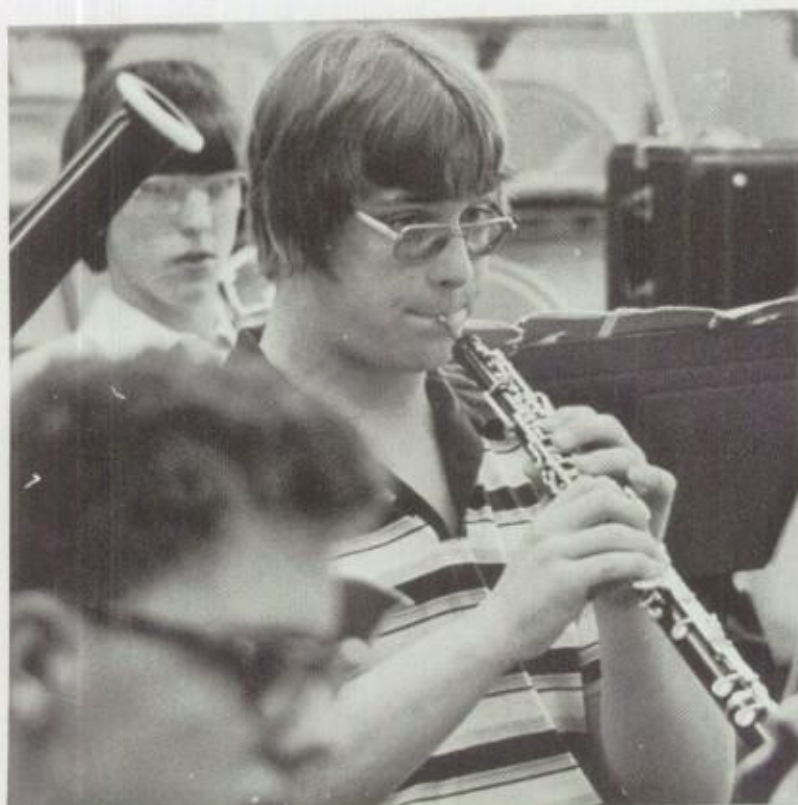


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Besides working on the actual production of the yearbook, the MIRROR staff started 1976-77 yearbook sales with an original skit at an all-school assembly and the staff attended work shops and planning sessions in Wichita and Topeka.
Rene Robson, junior

1. Ad salespersons Dana Williams and Melinda Hopkins, juniors, try to come up with copy for the next ARKLIGHT issue.
2. Juniors Karen Baucus and Chuck Ward, ARKLIGHT sports writers, work on getting a headline that will fit in the space they have.
3. 1976-77 ARKLIGHT staff—Back Row: Melody Hearne, Melinda Hopkins, Jody Iverson, Laura Tilson, Renee Robeson, Cindy Poling, Hilda Fruits, Tracy Patton, Mary Adamson, Chuck Ward, Karen Baucus, Jan Hatfield. Row 1: Dana Williams, Debbie Hunter, Pam McCord, Jeri Pearman. Not pictured: Teri Sanders.
4. Senior Karen Rindt does not like the answer that photographers have given her about the picture she has selected for her section.
6. MIRROR artist Todd Whipple, always eager to help his teachers in any way, erases the chalkboard with the handiest eraser: his nose.
6. 1976-77 MIRROR staff—Karen Rindt, Mary Struble, Mark Shaw, Renee Robeson, Mary Eagan, Monica Sherwood, Todd Whipple.

fine arts



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The Fine Arts Department is probably the most diversified department at ACHS. Fine arts, whether visual, vocal or instrumental; are meant to be enjoyed and courses within the department were geared toward performances of some kind. During the year the Fine Arts Department gave over 40 performances.

Although Fines Arts courses are electives, there was no paucity in the number of students who enrolled in these courses. The largest groups, the Marching Band and the Symphonic Choir, had 57 and 65 members respectively. Caryl Buller, visual arts teacher, said that 185 students had pre-enrolled on March 14 in art classes next year.

There was one big change in the Fine Arts Department this year. Three out of five department teachers were new to ACHS. They were Buller; Clifford Lyon, band director; and Blythe Karstadt, orchestra director.

Despite the change in teachers the department worked well together. Several times during the year they combined forces in some way. Band members played in the orchestra, orchestra and band members played for choir concerts and the operetta, members of the different choirs performed at the first Art Club Student Art Show on April 30 and the art department designed operetta scenery.

Not only did the Fine Arts Department help out each other, but they also provided many services to ACHS and the community; ranging from a Valentine's Day Banquet and Ball to a canned goods collection.



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1. Sophomore Jeff Ramsey practices on the oboe with the orchestra for the Valentine's Day Banquet and Ball. 2. Junior John Post plays the bass during a choir concert. 3. Junior Barry Speer sings a solo for the Christmas Choir assembly. 4. Vocal Music teacher Kenneth Judd joins his dancing Symphonic Choir on "Pick a Bale of Cotton" at the Fall Semester Combined Choirs concert in the junior high auditorium. 5. Junior Cindy Jennings straightens her macrame project in Crafts class. 6. Juniors Hope Hayward, Brenda Nelson and Patty Simmons are three Girls' Glee Club members who volunteered to paint the school song, "The Purple and the Gold," on the vocal m



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Marching Band: Rehearse Rehearse and Rehearse

This year the Marching Band was 57 members strong. Those 57 members were kept busy and active in various activities. One of the most time-consuming projects was money-raising. To raise money the band sold bumper stickers, peanuts and fruit cakes in order to finance their yearly trip.

This year the band went to Six Flags Over Texas May 12 and 13. In past years the band has been to the Rose Bowl and Colorado.

The Band Boosters, parents of the band members, met once each month during the school year to help the band plan and carry out different activities. Selected Band Boosters also chaperoned the annual band trip.

New uniforms were hoped for by band members this year, but at the end of the school year it was still unclear whether uniforms would become a reality, according to Clifford Lyon, band director.

Lyon took baton in hand this year for the first time as director of ACHS instrumental music. Ray Gilstrap also assisted the band.

Enrollment in the band for next year has dropped some, said Lyon. However, Lyon said, this was possibly because classes will start earlier next year. This year the Marching Band practiced before school from 8 to 9 a.m. on city streets or at Curry Field. Next year practice will begin at 7:30 a.m., said Lyon.

The Marching Band also began practicing one month before school started this year to learn music and routines for football games.

Every year the band performs at State Band Contest which also requires a lot of time, effort and hard work on top of the required work to perform a concert each semester.

Not only did some band members spend time rehearsal time preparing for band concerts, but some band members were also "loaned out" to play for the Operetta, Orchestra, Homecoming and Graduation.

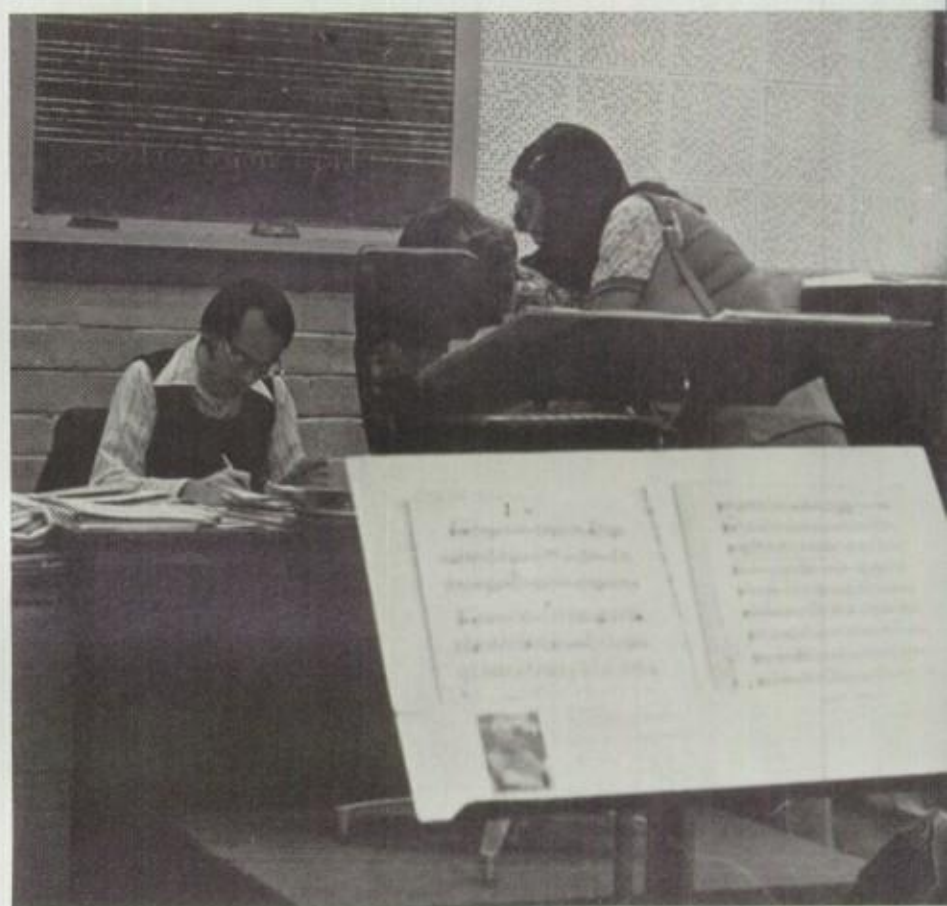
Senior Danny Campbell, a band member, said that he didn't mind playing for other groups.

"I will use it a lot when I get out of high school and it's fun too," said Campbell.

The extra time Campbell spent playing for other groups broke into his regular schedule. "I had to get my homework done before I went to practice since sometimes I didn't get home until 10:30."



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The Pep Band is the winter version of the Marching Band for those people who were interested in lettering in band. They provided music for all the home basketball games. The whole band was required to perform at these events and each member could miss only two performances.

The music the Pep Band played for sports events included traditional school songs and easy, contemporary music.

The cream of the marching Band formed the Stage Band. The Stage Band had 15 members this year who spent early mornings and evenings practicing. This year they performed during the fall concert, at contest and for the Orchestra Valentine's Day Ball.

Melody Hearne, junior



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1. The 1977 ACHS Marching Band performs during pre-game of the ACHS-Wichita West football game.

2. Although the message on the chalkboard was meant to cheer up Band Director Cliff Lyon, he finds the job of working out music for band members doesn't make a good morning.

3. Counselor Richard Hawkins directs the Pep Band and catches a glimpse of a pep assembly in the Aud-Gym. 4. 1977 ACHS Marching Band-Back Row; Renee Headrick, Rod McAdoo, Randy Rowe, Dale Littou, Russell Sims, Tommy Fulcher, Alan Thresher, James Fulcher, Bill Simmons, Barb Thoma, Jom McDonald, James Akers. Row 5: Danny Campbell, Greg Sweetwood, Dee Jurrens, Devin

Graves, Mark Wittenborn, Mark Joseph, Monica Sherwood, Steve Mohler, Charlie Berry, Terri Robbins. Row 4: Kenny Unruh, Bob Grout, Phil Perry, Pam Patterson, Theresa Bazil, Brent Chambers, Tom McLeod, Suzann Stalnaker, David Shook, Jeff Palmer, Dawn Kempf. Row 3: Mark McCoy, Susan Ralston, Nita Oliver, Cathy Brister, Lela Bechtel, Claudette South, Tammy Thresher, Sharon Sherwood, Margaret Blair, Sandra Ramsey. Row 2: Jeff Ramsey, Pat Decker, Karen Hendrickson, Martha Wilson Becky Boyer, Marcie Johnson, Shelly DiVall, Cassandra Hodges, Sharnell Kerr, Debra Jordan. Row 1: Judy Hockenbury, Christy Henry, Melody Hearne, Jamie Ramsey, Judy Meyer, Terry Stafford, Melinda Buchanan, Ann Dornhoffer. Not pictured: Melinda Hopkins, Gib Allen, June Hollipeter.



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Orchestra Earns Money With Valentine Banquet

The 1976-77 Orchestra had many activities this year. Among them were the Fall and Christmas Concerts. They also presented the annual February Sweetheart Ball. The Spring Concert was the final concert. During this concert the 1976-77 Outstanding Orchestra Member, Senior Greg Jurrens, was named.

The Orchestra had a new director this year, Blythe Karstadt. This was her first year of teaching after graduating from Kansas State University.

On May 27 and 28 the orchestra took a trip to Kansas City, Mo. While there, they listened to a concert and visited Worlds of Fun.

1. 1976-77 Orchestra—Back Row: Blythe Karstadt, director; Mark Joseph, Jeff Palmer, Rod McAdoo, Mark McCoy, Greg Sweetwood, Tom McLeod, Allen Arthur, Dale Littou, Bruce Byers. Row 2: Danny Campbell, Dawn Kempf, Pat Decker,

Sally Daniels, Janice Campbell, Jeff Ramsey. Row 1: John Post, Sherri Gilliland, Tom Fulcher, Selina Downing, Kathy Stafford, Billy Campbell, Dee Jurrens, Greg Jurrens. 2. 1976-77 Stage Band—Back Row: Danny Campbell, Devan Graves. Row 4: Laura Wilkin, Jeff Palmer. Row 3: Steve Mohler, Claudette South, Pam Patterson, Mark McCoy. Row 2: Cliff Lyon, director; Monica Sherwood, Tom Fulcher, Tom McLeod, Rod McAdoo, Dawn Kempf. Row 1: Phil Perry, Ken Unruh. 3. Orchestra members Allen Arthur and Sally Daniels practice with the band for the Orchestra's Valentine Banquet and Ball. 4. 1976-77 Band librarians—Monica Sherwood, Pat Decker. 5. 1976-77 Band officers—Back Row: Dawn Kempf, Stuco representative; Steve Mohler, president; Claudette South, secretary; Mark McCoy, vice-president. Row 1: Terri Stafford, treasurer. 6. 1976-77 Orchestra officers—Back Row: Kathy Stafford, secretary; Sally Daniels, librarian; Selina Downing, treasurer. Row 1: Greg Jurrens, president; John Post, vice-president; Sherri Gilliland, Stuco representative. 7. Orchestra director Blythe Kardstadt tries to set the tempo for the bass section: John Post on the bass guitar and Bruce Byers on the bass fiddle.



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1. 1976-77 Arkhighs—Back Row: Andy Day, Vivian Lawson, Joel Kindred, Kay Dawes, Karen Peterson, Jacque Moore, Korbin Krause, John Sturd. Row 1: Joe Shriver, Jan Hatfield, Mary Weigand, John Post, Peggy Brown, Penny Bishop, Kay Lynn Marrs, Leslye McCall, Pena Lea McClaskey.

2. 1976-77 Symphonic Choir—Back Row: Gary Hinson, Karen Peterson, Vivian Lawson, Darlene Hummingbird, Sharon Johnson, Merry Crain, Becky Haddock, Terri Robbins, Joe Woodard, Joel Kindred, Barry Speer, Jacque Moore. Row 3: John Sturd, Bobby Grout, Daren Sherwood, Phil Reinkemeyer, Sue Thoma, Pam Hood, Laura Tilson, Joyce Magnus, Cheryl Fair, Andy Day, Julie Miller,



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Korbin Krause, Don Miller. Row 2: Tracy Patton, Joe Shriver, Beth Niskern, Rick Teague, Cheryl Whitford, Marianne Spear, Karen Smith, Sherri Keefe, Mary Milner, Lori Osburn, Gail Sanford, Kathy Stafford, John Post, Kay Dawes, Mike Watters. Row 1: Mary Weigand, Leslye McCall, Peggy Brown, Kelly Rindt, June Paisley, Penny Bishop, Jan Hatfield, Jody Krout, Cindy Shanks, Ann Dornhoffer, Marilyn Behrens, Debbie McGowan, Diane Marrs, Laura Wilkin, Kent Stafford, Kay Lynn Marrs, Pena Lea McClaskey. 3. 1976-77 Chamber Choir—Back Row: Jeff Young, John Milner, Gevan Johnston, Jeff Ramsey, Deanne LaVelle, Bob Hirt, Pat Metcalf. Row 8: Rob Wilkins, David Magnus, Mark Joseph. Row 7: Sandy Ramsey, Vicki Doughton, Laura McCann, Donnell Sanborn, Scott Postlewait, Christy Henry, Cindy Thole, Karen Foster. Row 6: Robbye Mathews, Leslie Rouch, Sharon Kanelakos. Row 5: Joyce Mann, Dawn Kempf, Nancy Beeks. Row 4: Judy Carroll, Kim Kruger, Jane Baird, Jan Louderback. Row 3: Janet Sanford, Tammi McGinn, Tammi McGowan, Pam Bland. Row 2: Connie Holloway, Brenda Fair. Row 1: Barbara Smith, Denise Smith. 4. Sophomore Jeff Ramsey auditions for piano contest before the Symphonic Choir unaware that his reflection is also keeping time.



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Contest, Concerts, Show Keep All Choirs Busy

The choirs were kept busy this year performing for ACHS, for the community, for other schools and for state contest.

The vocal music highlight of 1976-77 was the operetta "Lil' Abner," presented April 22 and 23. The Symphonic Choir spent two months preparing the operetta. Symphonic Choir also used 4th hour to perfect songs for their three concerts and four ACHS assemblies.

The concerts Symphonic Choir presented were the Fall Semester, Christmas and Spring Semester concerts. The choir also performed at the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter assemblies; plus they gave a Pops Concerts on May 20, the last regular day of school for the Class of 1977. Selections for the Pops Concert included "Celebration," "Weekend in New England," "Aquarius" and "Didn't We."

The select vocal music group of 16 students, Arkhighs, did a lot of singing and traveling this year. The Arkhighs went to Newton to perform with other ensemble groups in Kansas. At Newton the Arkhighs both sang separately and with the large choir.

In March, the Arkhighs received a Division One rating at

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state contest in Wichita. The Arkettes, the girls in Arkhighs, also took a One and the Boys Eight from Arkhighs received a Two.

Several students from Arkhighs were selected this year by Kenneth Judd, vocal music teacher, to attend District 6 Choir in Wichita. From that group Jacque Moore, Vivian Lawson, Joel Kindred and Peggy Brown were selected for State Choir.

The Chamber Choir, although small, performed at several concerts this year. Judd said that these sophomores were the nucleus for the Symphonic Choir next year. Out of Chamber Choir 16 girls formed a barbershop group to perform at state contest. They received a Division Two rating.

Being in one of the choirs may have seemed glamorous with the Arkhighs' new uniforms and Symphonic Choir's long dresses, but there were several problems under those stage lights. Some choir members passed out while on the stage risers because of the heat. Other choir members said that they were sometimes hit with stage fright, especially before a solo. Still others were wary about the capability of themselves and the risers when performing a choreograph number, "Pick A Bale of Cotton," during Fall semester.

Jan Hatfield, junior

Choir Stages 'Lil' Abner'

On Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, the ACHS Symphonic Choir presented the operetta "Lil' Abner." The 1976-77 operetta had several unique features.

The majority of characters had to learn to speak in a southern "hillbilly" accent. Although the drawl is uncommon to Kansas the cast seemed to have no trouble in learning it. Senior Barry Spear, who played Pappy, said, "I had no problem at all. I talk like that all the time."

Senior Vivian Lawson, who played Pig Lady, had to practice in a variety of ways. Her part called for her to carry a live pig during the performances. Lawson said that she practiced with substitute props, including a towel wrapped around her windbreaker and an understudy: Vocal Music Teacher Kenneth Judd's dog.

In addition, the crews had to create a papier mache statue to honor "Jubilation T. Cornpone," the greatest military hero the U.S. Army ever had; according to the inhabitants of Dogpatch, U.S.A. Symphonic Choir members Gail DeVore, Tracy Patton, Merry Crain, Darlene Hummingbird and Jody

Krout, under the direction of Caryl Buller, art teacher, worked four to five weeks to complete the five-foot tall, five-foot long statue.

One problem the cast indirectly ran into was with choreography. The choreographer, former ACHS student Terri Weston, was expecting a baby April 26, just three days after the operetta. She taught a group of dancers some dance steps and square dances.

The cast was selected by Judd and was directed by Senior Karen Peterson and Junior Sharon Johnson. The main cast were Li'l Abner, Korbin Kraus; Daisy Mae, Jacque Moore; Mammy Yokum, Kay Dawes; Pappy Yokum, Barry Spear; Marryin' Sam, John Post; Earthquake McGoon, Joel Kindred; General Bullmoose, Joe Woodard; and Moonbeam McSwine, Vivian Lawson.

Other devious characters included Senator Jack S. Phogbound, Steve Borrer, those onery Scragg brothers, Alf, Joe Shriver; Clem, John Sturd; and Romeo, Phil Reinke-meyer. Two cave dwellers, who made their own home-brew, Hairless Joe and Lonesome Polecat, were played by Jan Hatfield and Rick Teague. The crazy scientists were Darren Sherwood, Gary Hinson, Rick Teague and Peggy Brown.



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1. Under protest Vivian Lawson (Moonbeam McSwine) drags her Sadie Hawkins Race catch, Phil Reinkemeyer (Romeo Scraggs) across the stage as their wedding ceremony is performed by John Post (Marryin' Sam).
2. Rick Teague (Hairless Joe) and Jan Hatfield (Lonesome Polecat) introduce themselves and their firewater tonic to the audience.
3. Merry Crain and Tracy Patton apply newspaper and paste to the chickenwire frame of Jubilation T. Cornpone.
4. Jacque Moore (Daisy Mae) sings about "A Typical Day in Dogpatch, U.S.A."
5. Korbin Krause (Lil' Abner) is absorbed in conversation with Washingtonite Terri Robbins (Apassionata Von Climax).
6. Senior Don Miller holds his breath hoping that his ultimatum will speed up the makeup process.
7. Barry Speer (Pappy) waits impatiently for Kay Dawes (Mammy Yokum) to finish so that he too can have a chance to sing.



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The magic word in art classes this year was versatility. Caryl Buller, new art teacher, taught Ceramics, Jewelry, Crafts, Art I, Art II and Art III.

Art I, II, III formed the basis for the visual arts program. In Art I, said Buller, students explored basic art concepts including design, color theory, sculpture and art history.

Art II and Art III are what Buller called "contract classes." The students wrote up their own contract which stated projects the student chose to do and a date of completion. The projects ranged from oil painting to macrame.

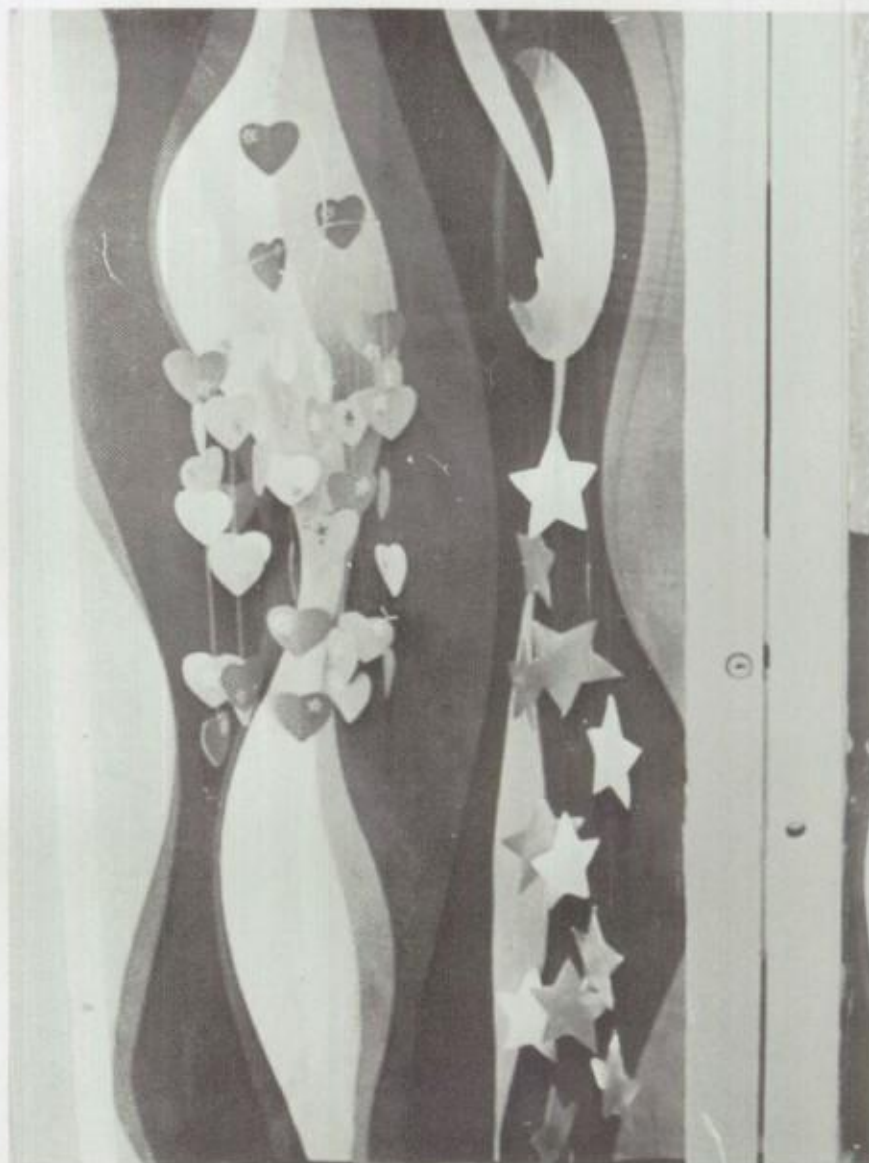
Three nine weeks courses, Ceramics, Jewelry and Crafts; specialized in specific forms of art and products of these classes were displayed in the cases outside the library.

In Ceramics, the students learned about the basic techniques on the potter's wheel and about hand built pots and bowls. The more popular items included large glazed bowls which were later made into candles, chimes and hollow clay balls.

Jewelry classes worked in copper medium. Students also worked in to their jewelry small jewel-like objects, feathers and shells. Buller said that she had wanted to start students on pewter but the pewter did not arrive in time. Next year Buller said that she planned to work with pewter and more copper enameling.

Crafts was really a series of courses. Students could choose their own medium from leather, macrame, stitchery or weaving. Students were required to do extensive study in that area, including a research paper; Buller said.

All in all, Buller said that the art courses had been successful since enrollment in art classes is up to 185 students for next year.



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1. Cheryl Richardson and Deanna Eastman finish up their McDonald's cookies before the start of 4th hour art class.

2. Art teacher Caryl Buller regularly displayed the finished work of students in the cases outside the Library. Displayed are mobiles made by Art III students during first semester.

3. Deanna Eastman finds the sunlight on the still life grouping just right to finish her watercolor painting.

4. 1976-77 Art Club—Back Row: David Carter, Melanie Buck, Patti Ramirez. Row 1: Tom Fisher, Todd Whipple, Connie Spence, Caryl Buller, sponsor.

6. Margaret Gaeddart, judge for the ACME art show, places the grand prize ribbon on a charcoal drawing by a Mulvane student.





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ACME Hosts Art Show

Artistic and Creative Minds Established (ACME) Workshop was the official title of the newest club at ACHS, sponsored by Caryl Buller, art teacher.

Most of the club's money-making projects went toward providing ribbons and prize money at the First Annual ACME Workshop Art Show, at the Denton Art Center on Saturday, April 30.

Students from ACHS, Derby, Mulvane, Oxford and other surrounding towns, competed for awards in categories ranging from graphics to macrame. Top prize was \$50. ACME Workshop brought in Margaret Gaeddart, an illustrator with the Oklahoma City newspapers, to be the judge.

Other club activities included a bake sale, button sale, grave impressions field trip, art seminars and club parties.

As a new club at ACHS, ACME Workshop provided several services for ACHS such as making posters for different events, painting a mural for the Stuco canned goods drive winner and making plaques for the Christmas door decoration contest winners. ACME Workshop itself won one of the those awards for Best Organization Door.

1976-77 officers were Jerry Fry, president; Todd Whipple, vice-president; Penny Pinegar and Kay Dawes, secretaries; and Pattir Ramirez, treasurer.

foreign language



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The Foreign Language Department tried a different approach this year to teaching and learning a foreign language—more listening to native speakers and more exposure to foreign cultures.

French II students spent three weeks studying French culture, said Jody Robinson, foreign language teacher. Robinson said that in her Spanish I class that she devoted one day per week to studying Spanish culture.

In Lesley Long's Spanish classes she taught about Spanish cultural experiences such as dating, meeting people in a foreign country, eating and family living.

"We need to learn that people in other cultures not only speak differently but they have some different ideas about life too," said Long.

Both Robinson and Long said that foreign language courses were different from other courses at ACHS.

Studying French or Spanish required imitation and repetition so that students could develop a proficiency in the spoken language. Long said that in her classes she used conversation records and class skits to emphasize conversation. She also said that next year she hoped to videotape some of the skits.

"We have tried to emphasize conversation in our language classes because when you meet someone who speaks French or Spanish you can't just pull out your pad and pencil to talk to them," said Long.



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Learning a foreign language also helped students to develop good study habits, Robinson said.

"With a foreign language you need to practice a little every night," said Robinson. "It can develop consistency in your study habits too."

Robinson's French II class tried something a little unusual this year. Robinson said that her students wrote a story in French about a bank robbery.

"We got permission from the bank and from Mr. Chase to take slides of each scene of the story," Robinson said. "We also shot scenes in a local bar and in Ark City's condemned jail."

Once all the slides were taken the class put together a slide show with sound on a cassette tape, Robinson added.

Both foreign language teachers emphasized to their students and to perspective students about the need to learn a foreign language.

"Knowing a foreign language can be important career-wise in business, engineering, secretarial, pilot, stewardess, etc.," said Long. "People with training in a practical skill can multiply their job opportunities by becoming proficient at a foreign language."

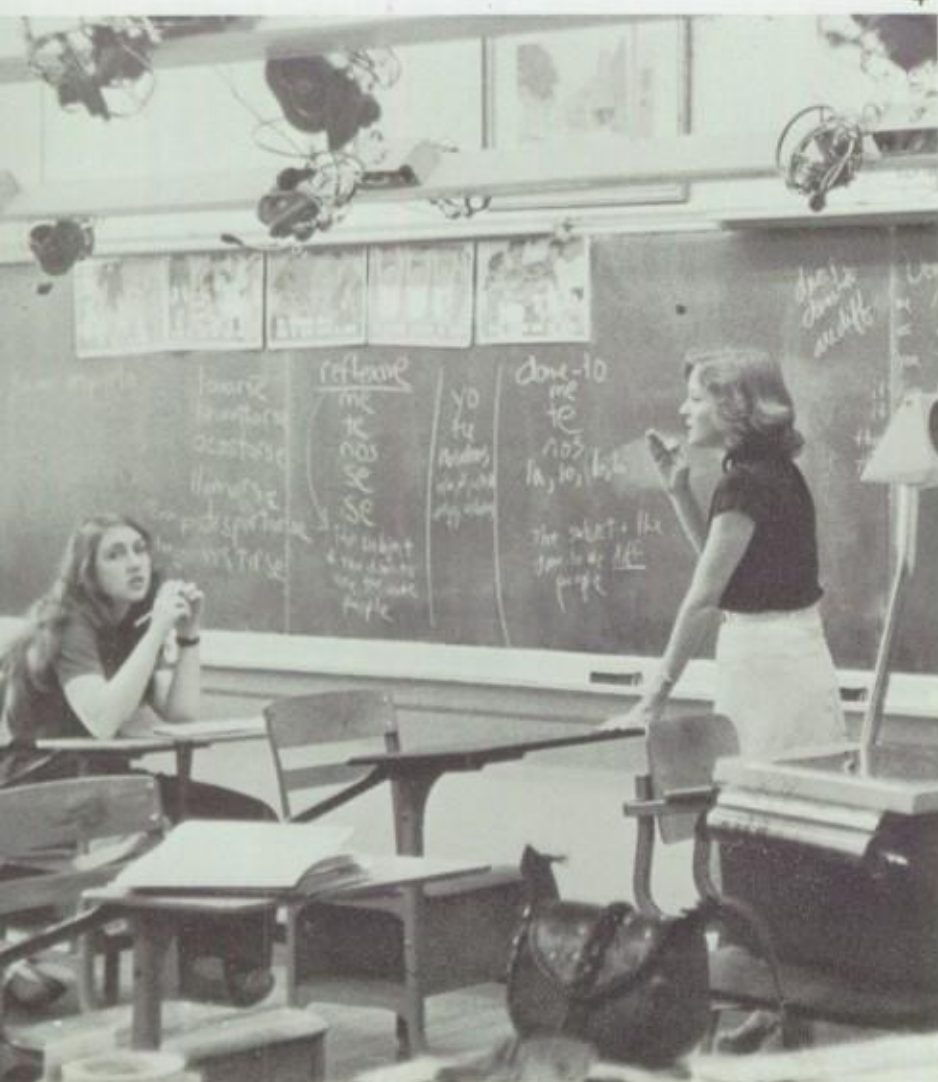
"The United States is becoming a bi-lingual country and the knowledge of a foreign language will be indispensable in the future," said Robinson.

Cindy Poling, senior



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1. Senior Becky Simpson listens to Lesley Long, foreign language teacher, during Spanish class.
2. A stuffed pinata gasps at the answer that Junior David Shook has put down on his Spanish homework assignment.
3. Foreign Language Club—Back Row: Laura McCann, Camy Stamps, Tammy L. Green, Joyce Magnus, Laurie Osborn, Laura Tilson, Laura Londeen. Row 2: Amy Sowden, June Paisley, Pat Decker. Row 1: Melissa Sweely, Renee Robson.
4. Selina Downing is more interested in the commotion the photographer is making than in Jody Robinson's French culture lecture.

home economics



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The Home Economics Department has been very successful this year in diversifying courses within the department for students with different needs and ambitions. This way students were able to choose traditional courses in clothing and foods or to choose non-traditional courses such as Singles Living, Creative Remodeling, Consumer Education and Future of the Contemporary Family.

Donna Coburn, home economics teacher, said that the courses were designed to be beneficial for students in years to come. She also said that Home Economics courses not only explored established facts but also future trends.

One of the new courses Coburn developed and taught was Wools and Knits. She said that those kinds of fabrics, although popular, required special care in sewing and maintaining. The students, advanced sewers, made one wool garment and several knit shirts, said Coburn.

One of the most popular Home Economics courses this year for both girls and boys was Human Relations, taught by Beverly Nittler. The major emphasis in the course was studying oneself and one's interaction with society, said Nittler.

Students in the course visited a funeral home, a nursing home, a day care center and other places to see how society functions and misfunctions. Nittler said the student reaction to these experiences was varied. "I had one student who refused to go to the funeral home," Nittler said.

Another area of study in Human Relations was the Teen Age Parents School (TAPS). Students in 5th hour Human



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Relations invited TAPS students and Director Frank Green to join the class for a discussion about the successes and failures of the TAPS program.

It was easy to recognize Human Relations students. They were the ones who brought to class large posterboard assignments of phrases and collages. Nittler said that the purpose of the assignment was learning to cognify individual values and opinions. Role playing and group reaction games were also utilized in the class, Nittler added.

Both Coburn and Nittler emphasized throughout the year that Home Economics courses were meant to be coeducational not just for girls. One class that did have boys was Future of the Contemporary Family.

"Change or anticipated change in society that will affect the family in the future was studied," said Nittler. One important aspect of that change, said Nittler, was the change in the role of women in society.

FHA Makes Money For State Convention

Although the club had only seven members, this year was an active one for Future Homemakers of America (FHA). They put on bake sales almost every week for a month to make money for State FHA Convention in Topeka.

During Arkalalah Festival, FHA entered the street Bed Race. The Bed Race was on the dreary, cold Saturday morning of the festival. FHA paid an entry fee of \$5, but failed to win the first place prize money when they competed against a team of junior college teachers. The FHA team said, however, that they were proud of their participation in the contest since they were the only girls' team entered.

This year two FHA members were elected district officers. They were Seniors Karen Horton and Brenda Bryant. Pam McCord, junior

1. Junior Judy Hockenbery threads a sewing machine in order to start another Home Economics sewing project.
2. FHA- Back Row: Shine Bushyhead, Karen Horton. Row 2: Pam McCord, Terry Stafford. Row 1: Brenda Bryant, Penela McClaskey, Judy Meyer.
3. Home Economics teacher Donna Coburn gives instructions to her class.
4. District FHA Officers Karen Horton and Brenda Bryant pose in their official dress.
5. FHA sponsor Donna Coburn gives final instructions to FHA members Pam McCord, Judy Meyer, Karen Horton, Penela McClaskey, Brenda Bryant and Shine Bushyhead before they begin the Arkalalah bedrace.
6. Junior Tisha Struble puts together a rocker in a Home Economics refinishing class.

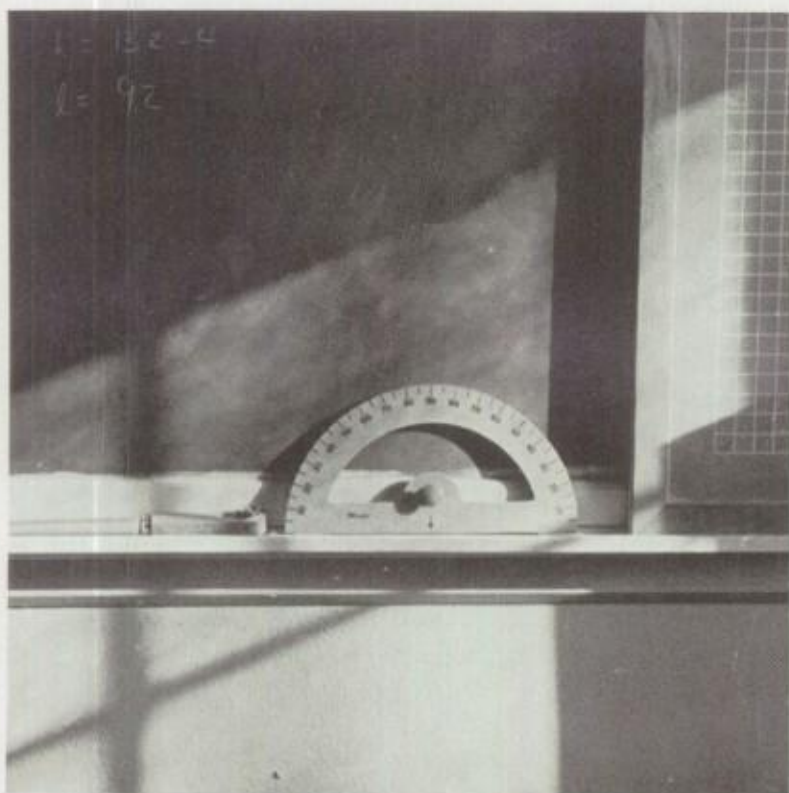


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mathematics



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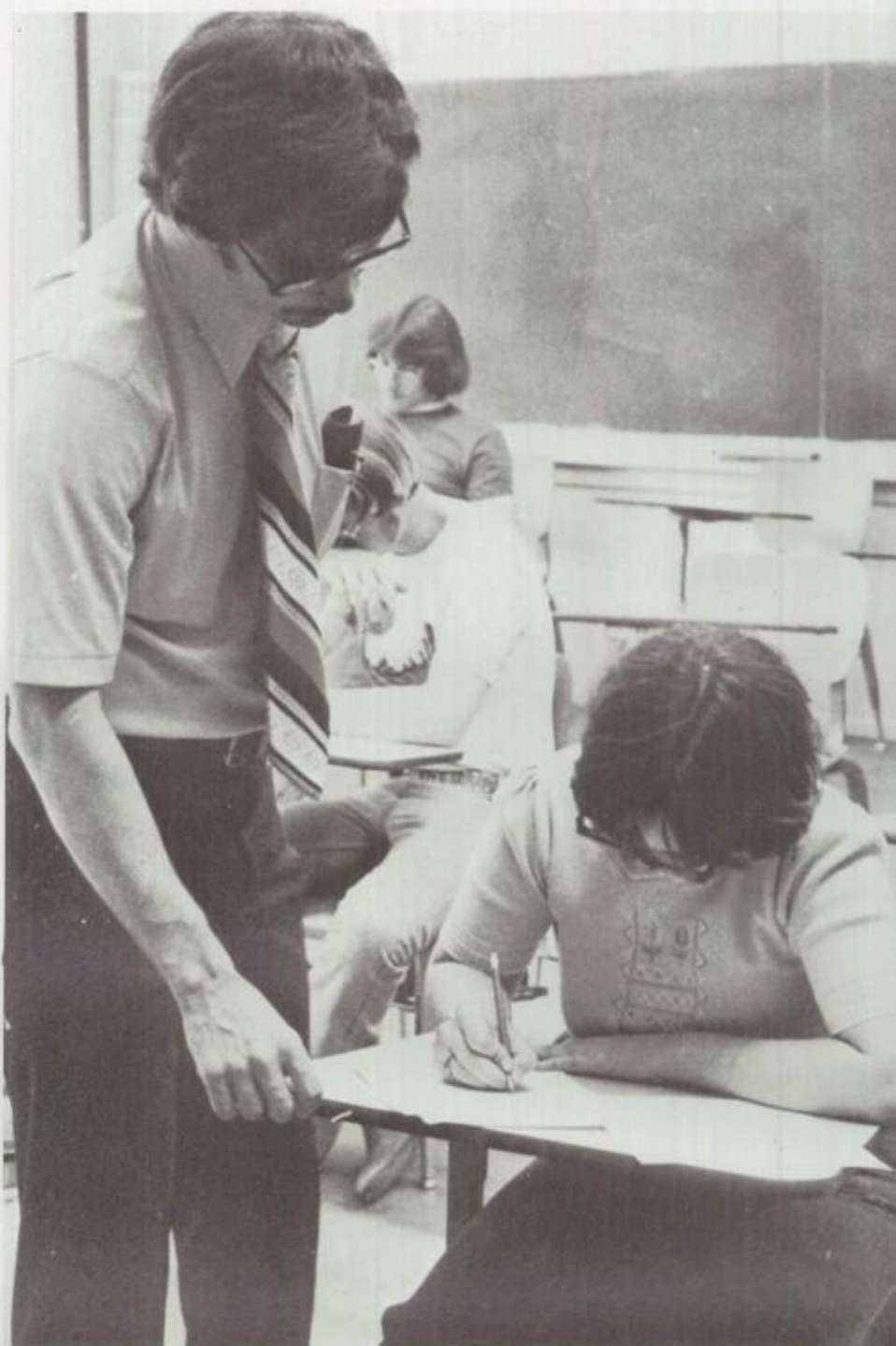
$$2[a - b] = [a - b]$$

$$2 = 1$$

From quadratic equations to proving theorems to logarithms; these were just a few of the problems that faced mathematics students this year. Approximately 175 students enrolled in mathematics courses this year. These courses were taught by Mathematics Department chairman J.C. Louderback; who taught Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus; Steve Moore, who taught Geometry and Algebra II; and Dave Stinemetze, who taught Algebra II.

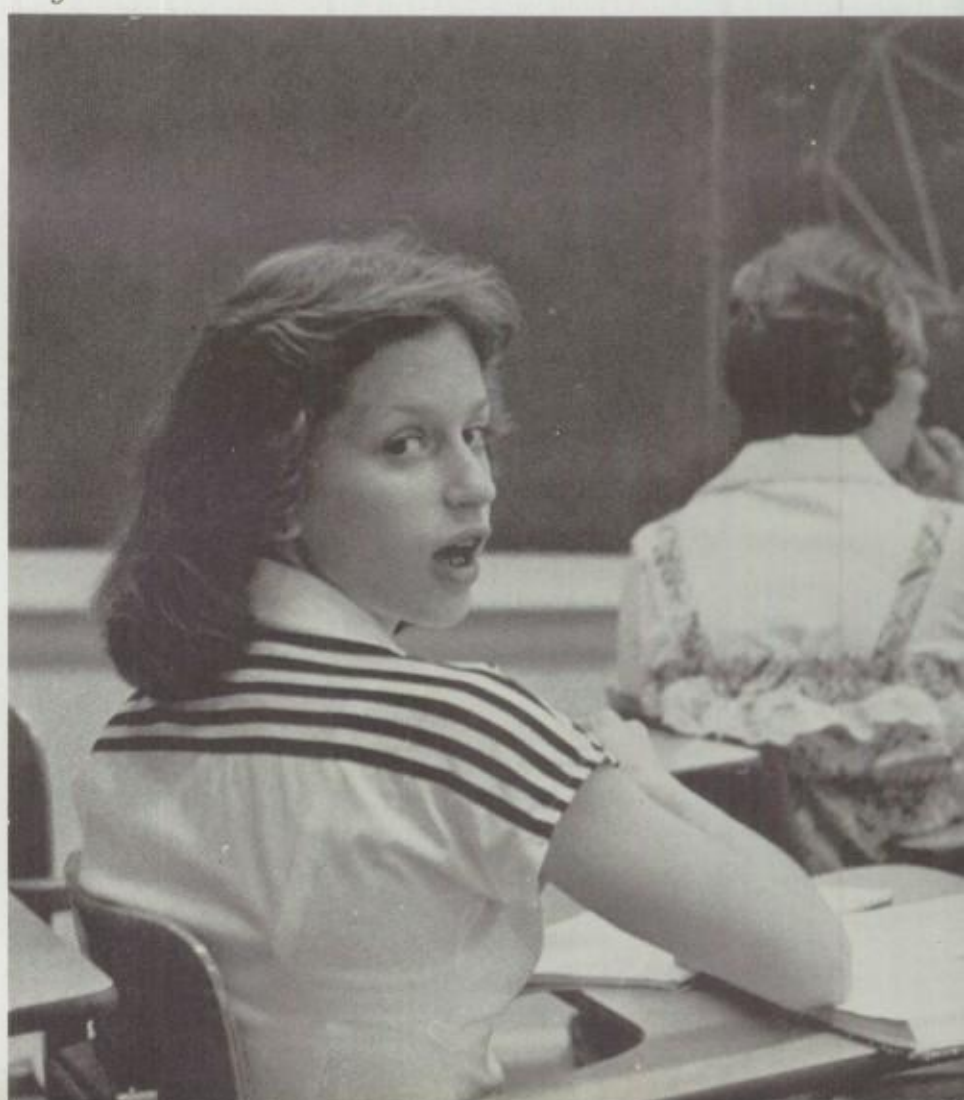
Louderback said that he had not seen an increase yet in the number of students enrolled in math courses, but he thought that there would be an increase in 140 students in 1977-78.

The teachers in the Mathematics Department all agreed that their classes were geared toward helping students obtain



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as much as possible in preparing for college. The teachers also all agreed that any and all high school math courses were important to college-bound students.

Louderback's 1st hour Analysis and Functions class became infamous at ACHS when they won every class competition during the year. They won the canned goods drive, the Christmas door decorating contest and the activity ticket contest. One note needs to be added. The Analysis and Functions class won these awards with a class of eight students, all boys.

Melinda Hopkins and Dana Williams, juniors

1. A mathematics protractor, a compass, a graph table and a linear equation; all symbols of the ACHS Mathematics Department; help shine a little light on students about the mysterious depths of math.
2. Algebra teacher Steve Moore helps a student complete homework.
3. "I can't keep my checkbook straight let alone figure out **that** equation," says Junior Pam Hood to another Algebra II student.
4. J.C. Louderback, Mathematics Department chairman, assigns Trigonometry students to find the sine and cosine of the geometric figure above him. Louderback's 1st hour Analysis and Functions class received a mural painted by the Art Club for winning the Stuco canned goods contest.

physical education



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This was the last year that students could only get one physical education credit while in high school. Next year the Physical Education Department will be offering an advanced physical education course during 6th hour for those students who have already had one year of physical education. Advanced Physical Education will be offered 6th hour, in place of 6th hour athletics.

"Advanced P.E. classes are nothing new," said Norma Dixon, physical education teacher. "We had a girls' advanced class the first four years I taught here then they were dropped for two years."

The 1976-77 school year also brought more coeducational participation in physical education classes.

"Classes started out slow and improved as the year went along," said Dixon. "It took these kids a little longer to get used to coed P.E."

Bill Means, physical education teacher, said that coeducational physical education was well-accepted this year for most activities and that it was an important part of the school life for some students. Means also said that coeducational physical education had taught students to be more tolerant and respectful of each other in yet another aspect of their schooling.



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"Miss Dixon and myself feel that we have advanced a great deal in the year and a half that we have been doing this type of activity," Means said. "We feel that as we are able to purchase more equipment that it will continue to improve in the future years. There are difficulties in everything that you do that is different until they can be ironed out. We feel that this year was still experimental in many respects but was very beneficial."

Karen Baucus, junior

1976-77 marked the end of Training Squad at ACHS. The program was dropped when the USD 470 Board of Education voted to remove athletics from the regular school day.

The purpose of 6th hour Training Squad was to keep athletes in shape during seasons in which they weren't out for a sport.

Boys' Training Squad was at Curry fieldhouse. Training Squad teachers, coaches of various out-of-season sports, assigned running sessions and weight-lifting programs to participants. One day per week the Boys' Training Squad played either football or field hockey.

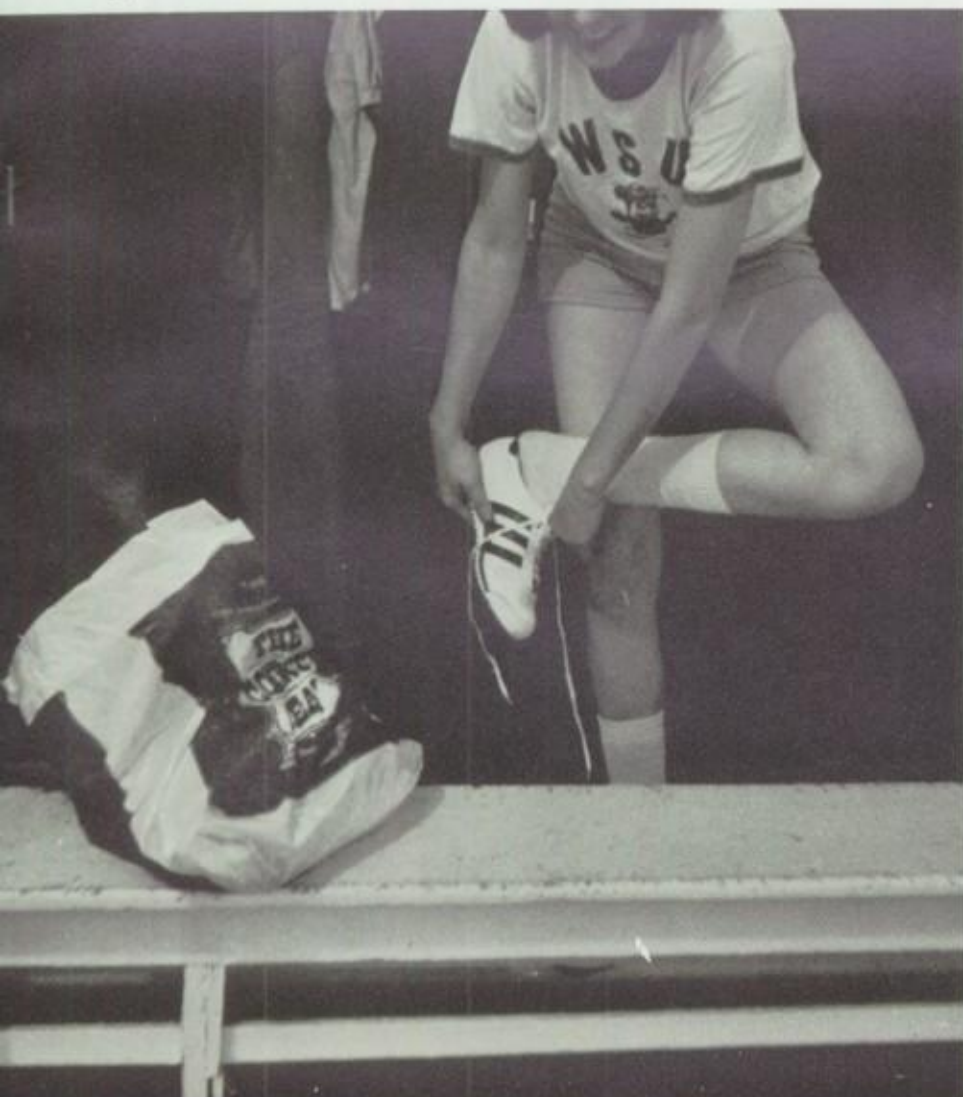
Girls' Training Squad met at the Girls' Gym and the Aud-Gym. Their schedule of activities, except for weight-lifting, was similar to Boys' Training Squad, said Sharon Yarbrough, Training Squad teacher.



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The questions of 6th hour athletics and 6th hour Training Squad brought varied reaction from students, teachers and coaches. Coaching teachers tended to disapprove of the change while non-coaching teachers generally supported the change.

Girls' Varsity Tennis and Track Coach Norma Dixon said, "I don't like it because it doesn't give athletes a chance to prepare for seasons. It will prevent a lot of messing around for kids trying to get an easy P.E. credit. It will also cause enrollment to go up five to 10 students in each P.E. class."

Garrah Ibach, Boys' Varsity Track coach, said, "Athletics will suffer and if athletics suffer, the school will suffer."

Steve Moore, Boys' Sophomore Basketball and Boys' Varsity Golf coach, said, "I feel that training squad was very helpful to our athletic program. With the change the athlete must do his pre-season training on his own. He will find it necessary to discipline himself. This is something that every great athlete must do anyway. Some of the athletes will find out quickly that if you do not train in the pre-season, your chances of making the squad are slim."

Athletic Director Dean Gilstrap said, "I'm sad to see it go. I regret that it's being dropped but with the change of bus and school time it's a must."

Gary Akers, assistant principal, said, "There's advantages and disadvantages to the ending of training squad. There's going to be some goof out of it because now all the good athletes will take it more serious and it will stop the goof offs. It may be a disadvantage in that there won't be as many out for a particular sport."

1. Rick Teague does "snap ups" in 6th hour training squad.
2. Jeff Snow lines a pitch with the whiffle ball during physical education class.
3. Sophomore girls limber up in physical education class.
4. Sophomore Terry Salisbury tries to hit the whiffle ball during physical education at the Aud-Gym.
5. Patty Tieperman tries on a new pair of tennis shoes before the start of training squad.
6. Sophomores Candy Harper and Diana Dow makes themselves presentable after physical education class.

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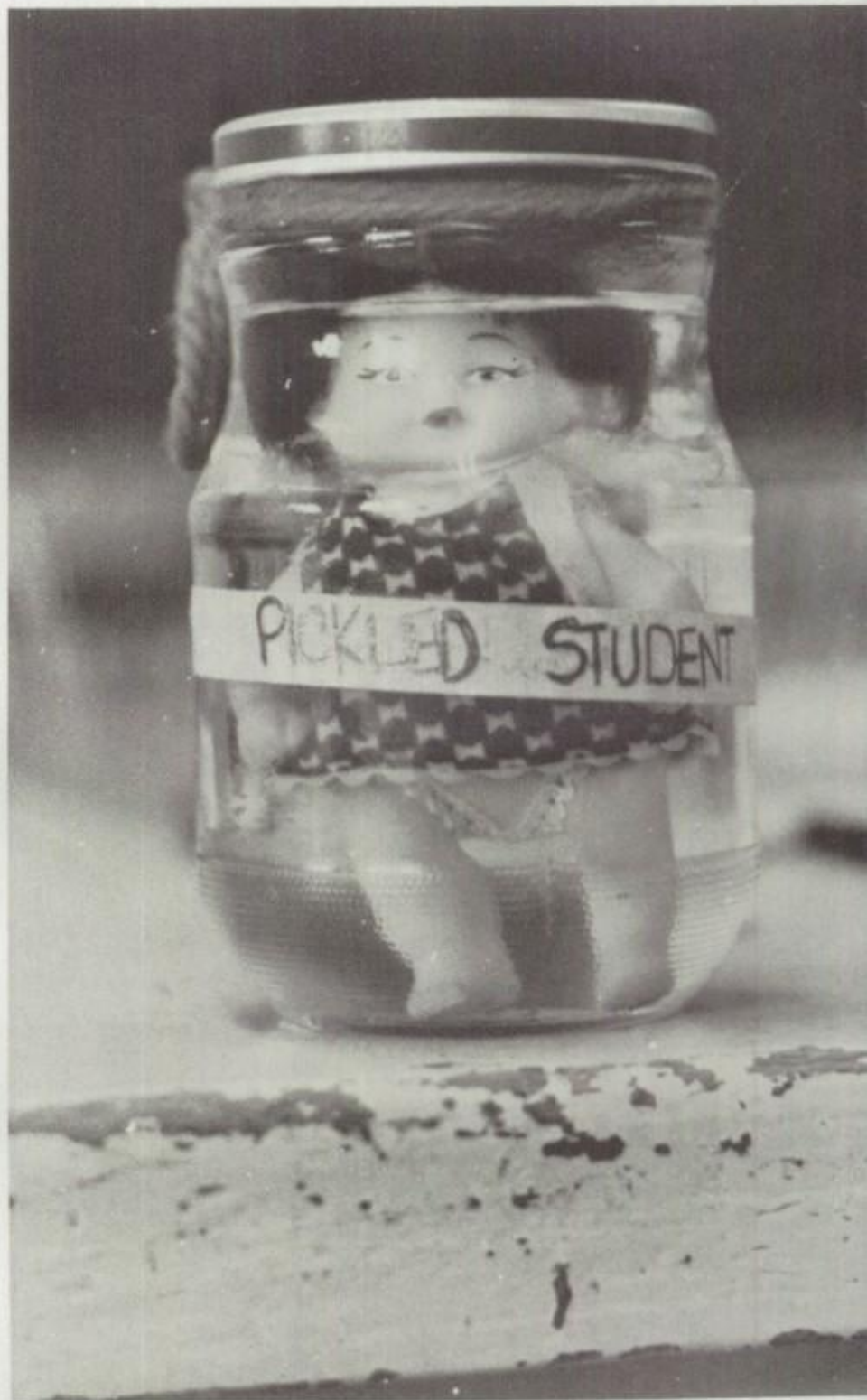
Every student at A.C.H.S. has to complete at least one of the laboratory science courses to meet the requirements to graduate. There are, thank goodness, a variety of courses in which to enroll to meet that requirement.

Kevin Finson, Earth science teacher, said, "I have reorganized the courses this year." He commented that his classes have studied astronomy, meteorology, geology fossils, faults and volcanoes.

Finson said, "We have touched a little on conservation, especially about our resources" and he said he hoped that his students saw how vitally important it was to conserve as much as one could, in every possible way and to keep producing as much as possible too. In Finson's classes students also talk about conserving resources such as water, people, food and others. Laboratory assignments covered subjects as varied as astronomy, meteorology, historical geology, fossils, rocks, minerals, earthquakes, hydrology, simple chemistry and some simple physics. Finson said he thought laboratory work was extremely important in science to help students.

Another laboratory science course taught at A.C.H.S. is Biology taught by Charles Graham and LeRay Stinemetze.

Graham said that an addition to his class this year was to require additional research in terms of outside reports and projects for the above average student. Conservation of



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natural resources and evolution were also discussed in Biology. He commented that most laboratory work in Biology dealt with microbiology classification of animals and plants, anatomy and physiology, where students dissected earthworms, crayfish, grasshoppers, frogs, turtles, pigs and lambs.

David Stinemetz, who taught Chemistry and Physics this year, said that his classes participated in many laboratory experiments this year. He said that both Chemistry and Physics involved laboratory work. The experiments that were chosen illustrated and clarified basic laws and principles of science.

Students in science classes went on many field trips this year. In Biology, students went to Paris Park to measure population density of the trees in the park, to capture insects for each student's individual collection and to identify the nature trees surrounding ACHS and the park.

Two field trips were scheduled for Finson's Fossils class. Regrettably, the first one was canceled because of rain. His class explored areas directly northeast of town, south of Hackney, a creek south of Silverdale and the Manhattan. On these trips students were able to observe such things as old quarry scars, fossils bearing layers of limestone and shale.

The science teachers all agreed that students heading for college with science in mind should have the three basic sciences Biology I, Chemistry I and Physics.

Dana Williams, Junior



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1. Sophomore Jerry Sherman asks "Why me?" as he is volunteered to help Biology teacher Charlie Graham tame the newest collection to the class.

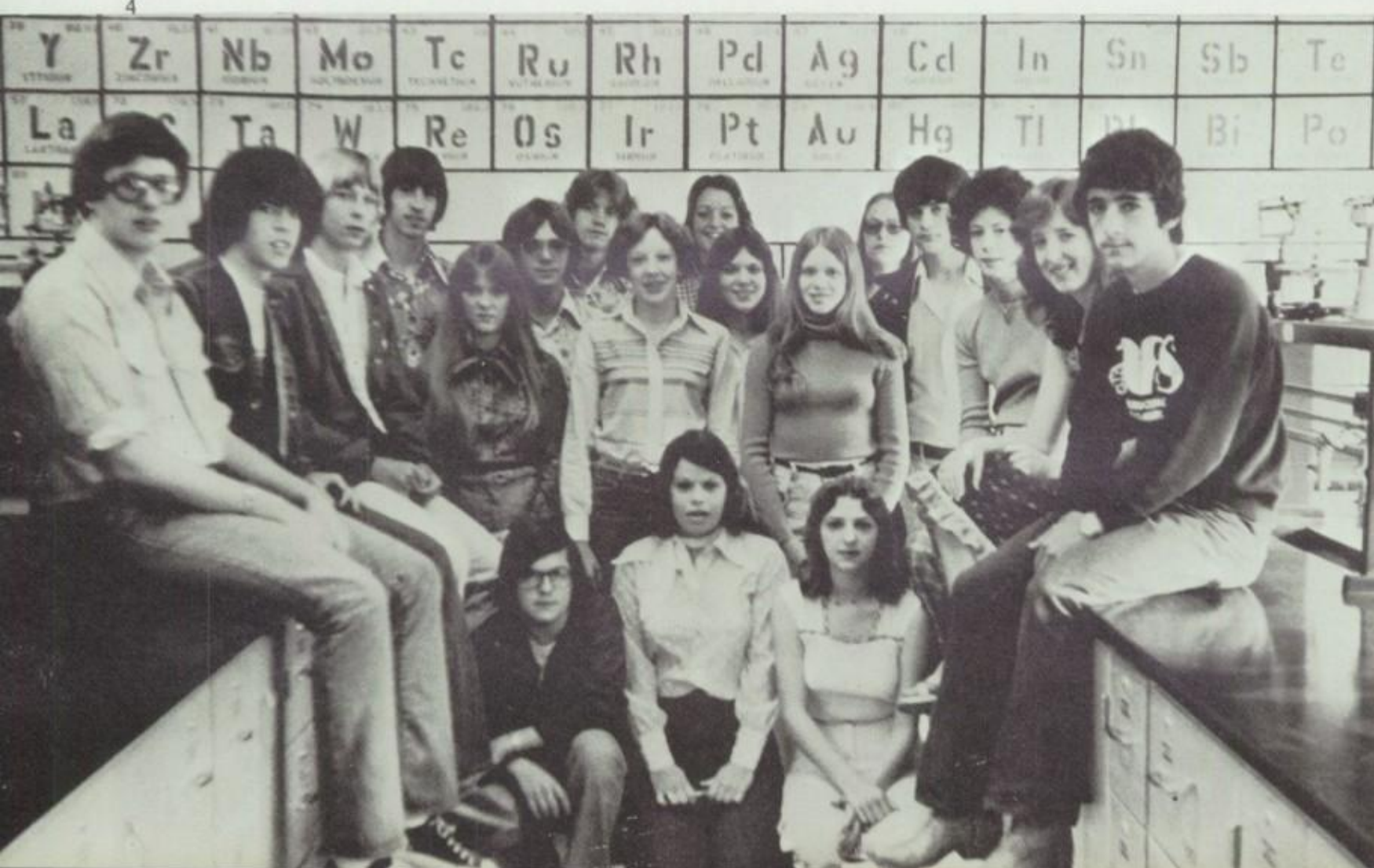
2. Charlie Graham, biology teacher, achieves a modern science miracle by developing the first PICKLED STUDENT.

3. Through the elaborate laboratory glass on his desk, David Stinemetze can be seen helping Chemistry students with homework questions.

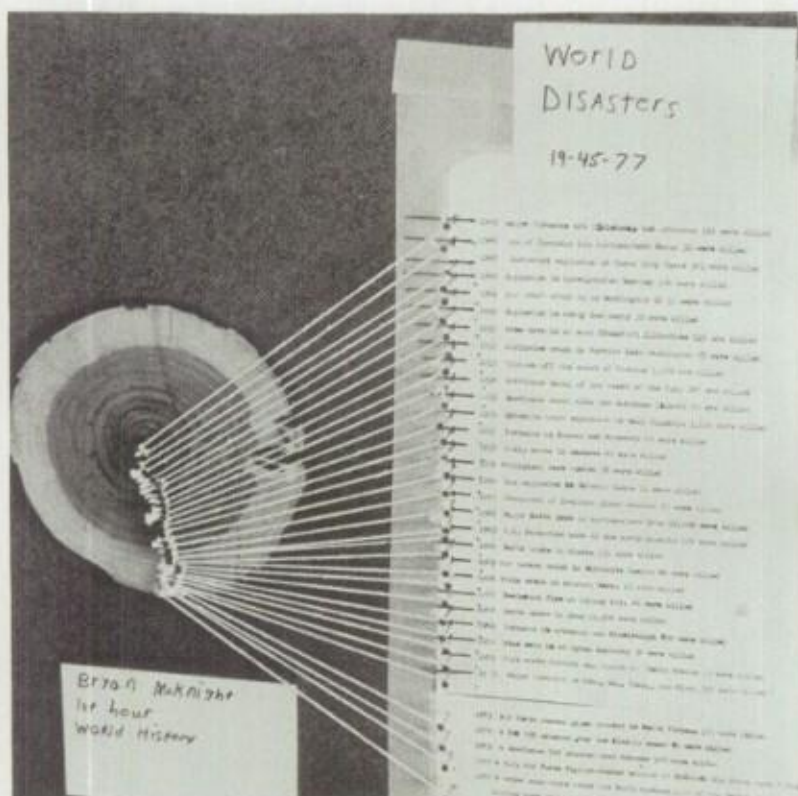
4. 1976-77 Science Club—Back Row: John Milner, Bill Olson, Kelly Rindt, Chris Frazee. Row 3: Greg Jurrens, Tammi McGinn, Marty Kinzie. Row 2: Mark McCoy, Phil Reinkemeyer, Mike Watters, Ann Dornhoffer, Karen Foster, Judy Carroll, Pat Decker, Laura Londeen, Viv Nel. Row 1: James Weber, Kelly McCormick, Renee Robsan.



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social science



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While many of the departments at ACHS worried this year and into next year about declining enrollment in their classes, the Social Science Department sat back and simply watched the dilemma with an Alfred E. Newman "What, me worry?" attitude. They could, because four of seven department courses were required of all students to graduate from ACHS.

The fact that most Social Science teachers had captive audiences meant that they could have resisted innovation and modernizing. But they didn't. Starting with the sophomores in World History, new approaches to old facts were tried.

In Mike Dobson's World History classes, students painted a dateline around the room and used tree trunk rings to identify major events in western civilization.

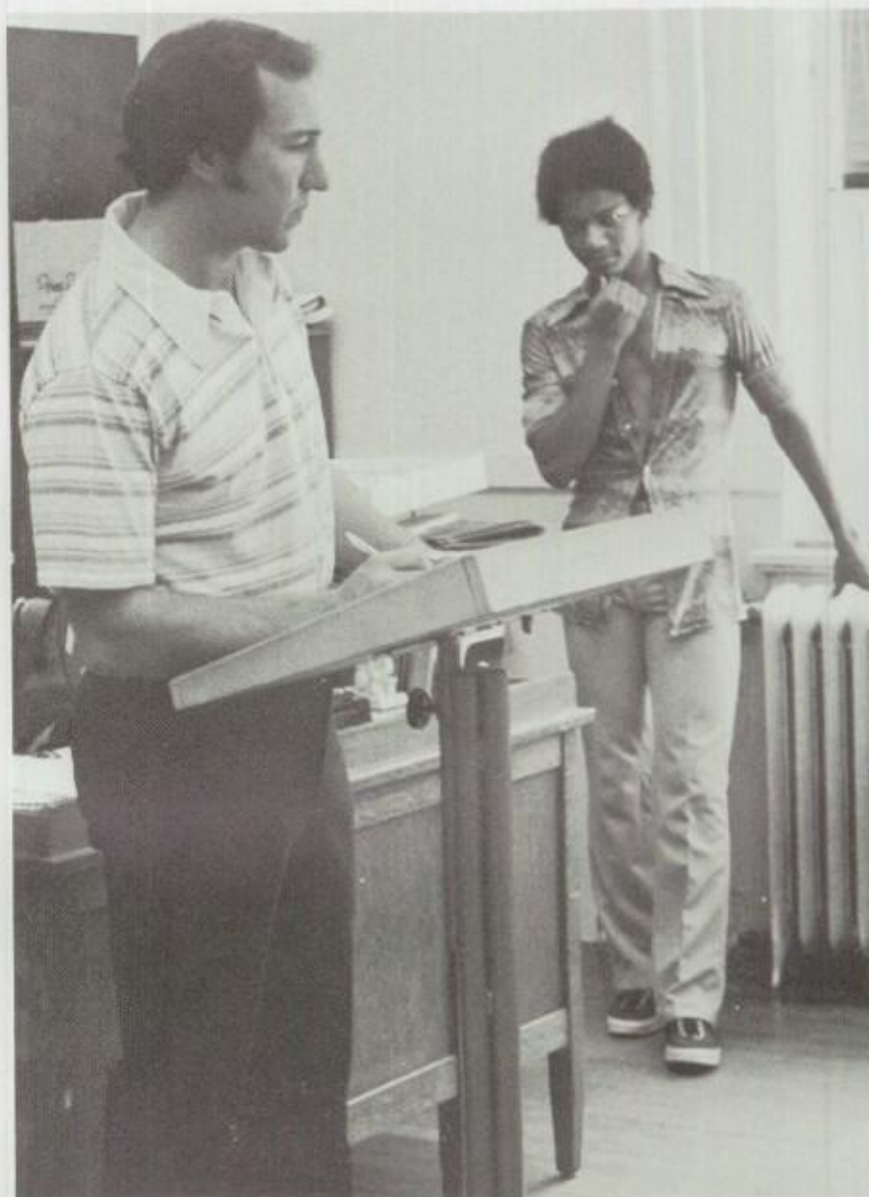
Juniors in American History classes seemed relieved when the Bicentennial year, with its sometimes forced emphasis on American Heritage, was over. The broadcast of Alex Haley's "Roots" on ABC in January made one aspect of American History come alive in a new way.

Seniors, longing for release from high school, had to first jump over the Economics and Constitution hurdles to graduate. Seniors taking Constitution during first semester experienced the political process firsthand as the country geared up for the November presidential election. Students taking Constitution second semester were able to look back at what went wrong and right in that process.

To help students understand the institutions and pitfalls of the world of money, Economics students visited a local bank and played the "stock market game."

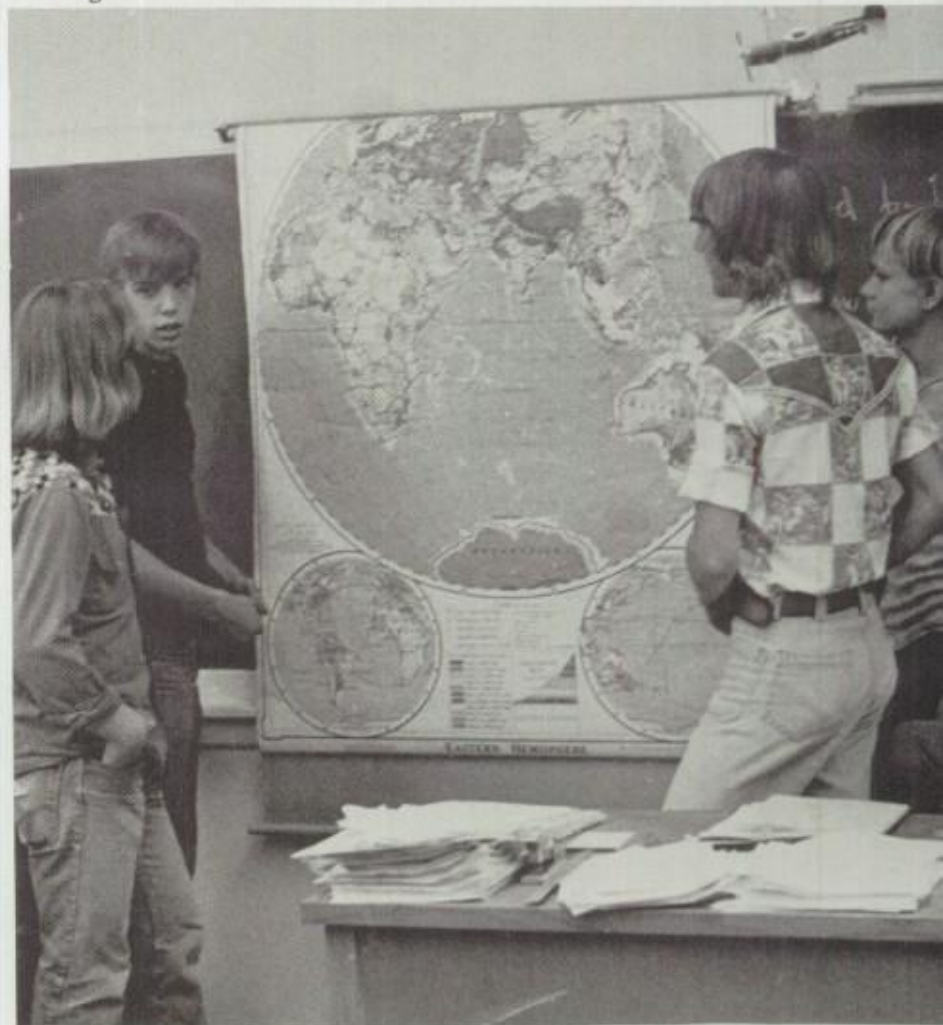
Psychology and Sociology, taught by Doug Ewing, explored the human condition from various angles. Students were introduced to many different kinds of experiments, group activities and testing.

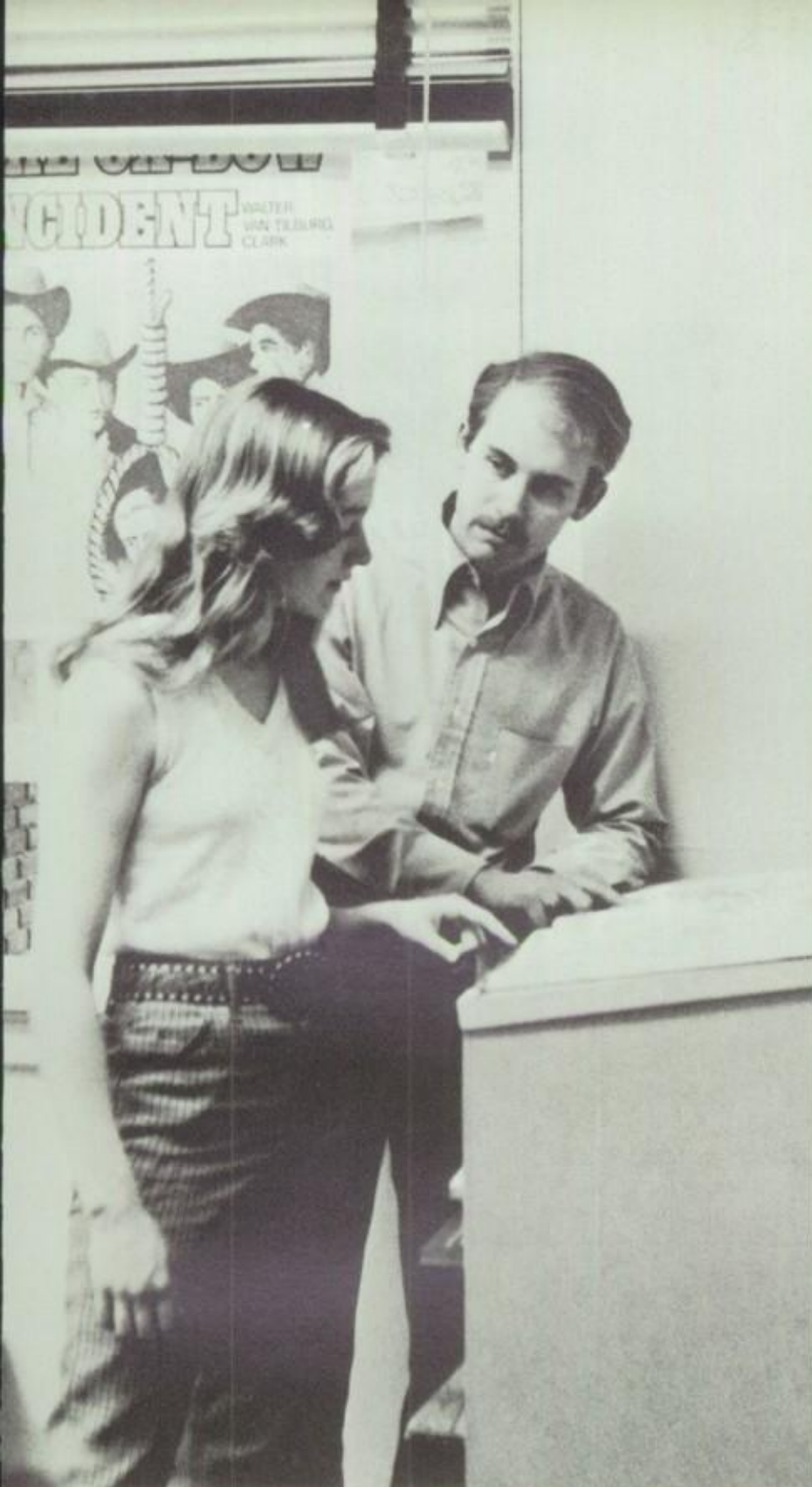
A new mini-course in the department centered on current events. It was Current World Affairs.



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1. Sophomore Bryan McKnight displays his World History project using a tree ring to identify major world disasters since 1945.
2. Sophomore Chuck Jennings thinks twice before volunteering to be the guinea pig in Doug Ewing's Psychology class experiment.
3. Dan Bailey, Darrell Coble, Gilbert Allen and Tommy Scott use a map of the eastern hemisphere to study for a World History test in Garrah Ibach's class.
4. World History teacher Marc Evans shows Sophomore Connie Eastman the correct way to use the library reference room atlas.
5. Mary Dawes and Melanie Buck, sophomores, hang up a WWI plane in World History class.
6. Sophomore Ruth Ann Walker practices her "Voice of Democracy" speech before taping it for the local contest.



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Walker First in Local VFW Democracy Taping

Sophomore Ruth Ann Walker was selected ACHS representative for the "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. For this contest Walker had to write a composition about "What America Means to Me." After completing the paper Walker recorded her composition on tape and submitted it to the Cowley County VFW for judging. As winner of this local contest, Walker's tape was sent to a regional contest.

Walker took third at regional contest. She won two savings bonds for \$50 and \$75, an award for her letter jacket and a medal.

"I think more kids should enter," said Walker. "It gives them an opportunity to express feelings about their country."

Tracy Patton, junior

special services



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The Learning Center is a place for students at ACHS who need special help for reasons such as low IQ scores. This name was given to the class so the students would not be labeled and treated differently by students and teachers.

The Learning Center students have taken many field trips to different businesses in Arkansas City. Students learned about different vocational opportunities available to them when they graduate, said Deborah Grantham, Learning Center teacher.

They also took a special trip to Wichita and toured the Indian Art Center, Town East Square and Southwestern Bell to see how employment situations are outside of Arkansas City. Many of the students in the classes had not been to a city as big as Wichita before. Grantham said, "They need to be exposed to the city and the life there, even if only for a day."

Grantham is the new Learning Center teacher. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Masters Degree in Special Education. Teaching to her has been a constant experience both good and bad.

"It can be tiring and frustrating but it is never boring," said Grantham. She said that she hoped the class was a Learning Center for all her students.

A different project this year was painting their room. "This was not only a learning experience, but to help them have pride in their accomplishments," said Grantham. The



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students picked out the colors for their room, plastered the cracks in the ceiling and then painted the room.

The payment for their labor was a idea set up by Grantham. The students kept track of the hours they worked and they were paid by different companies with checks that were used in class for free time, use of magazines, library passes, eating candy and other things. In order to participate in the Wichita trip the students also had to help paint the room.

Grantham has used Reality Therapy this year to get the students to come to the realization that they are responsible for their actions.

"They can't blame their actions on someone else, they and they alone are responsible," said Grantham. Students may have been treated cruelly and unfair in life, but they must learn to accept themselves and their responsibilities in a positive way. Different practical experiences that are learned in the class are how to plan and cook meals, budgeting money, shopping skills, hunting for a job and finding an apartment and furnishing it.

Stereotyping, is a negative action or saying against others, is sometimes found in high schools. The Learning Center students have a lot to offer our high school and it's time to let them have an even chance, to be important regardless of their differences, said Grantham.

Melinda Hopkins, junior



TAPS Federal Funds End

The Teen-Age Parents School (TAPS), main purpose was to serve their students this year. Whether it was through counseling, training on how to be a parent or simply helping a drop-out get through high school. TAPS was serving a broad community. Rosella Watson, an English teacher at the school, said that the set up at TAPS wasn't like regular high school classes. Each student was required to attend at least two hours a day and they would like students to attend longer.

The school offered as many regular high school classes as they could, said Watson. Watson said that the school had been very successful and that enrollment had doubled and even tripled beyond the administrations expectations.

Over the past year the USD 470 Board of Education proposed a new plan for the TAPS program because of the ending of the federal funds for the school.

Proposed changes were that students would attend regular high school classes during the day and attend TAPS classes at night. The night classes would be four nights a week, four hours each night. The other proposed plan was that TAPS classes would be on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. A nursery would be provided for those students who have children.

1. Junior Debbie Shirley paints a letter holder in the Learning Center.
2. Junior Robert Shirley and Learning Center teacher Deborah Grantham supervise Wes Ackerman's painting of the room ceiling.
3. TAPS students and their children were guests of Beverly Nittler's Human Relations class on Nov. 10. The TAPS students discussed the successes and failures of TAPS also the future of the program.



vo-tech



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One claim that the Vocational-Technical Department could make this year was that students in these classes learned enough about a skill or an occupation to get themselves a job in that area.

The printing classes were one of the busiest at ACHS. Students' skills were utilized for many purposes. The printing classes helped to produce the ARKLIGHT by setting copy on the compugraphic machine, by preparing the camera-ready paste up for the press and by running off the paper on the press. But there were many other things that the printing classes did for the school. They prepared the student handbook, the play programs, the operetta program, tickets for all events, the faculty-personnel directory and a variety of school forms such as hall passes, tardy slips and interum reports.

In Auto Mechanics, taught by Oscar Partin, students' and teachers' cars served as guinea pigs. Partin said that his classes tackled jobs as easy as changing oil to jobs as challenging as removing the engine from a car to rebuild it.

Partin said that the classes ran up a pretty good success ratio until the end of the year when they exploded a battery and pulled in a car whose battery had been stolen all in one day.

Students liked to explore cars and find out just exactly what made the car work or not run, said Partin. Partin also said that he preferred smaller class sizes because then the students had more room and a greater chance to learn.



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This year that there were girls enrolled in Auto Mechanics, said Partin. He said, however, that the girls didn't work as much as the boys on cars and that they weren't as enthusiastic as the boys.

In order to make woodworking more valuable to ACHS, Henry Martin, woodworking teacher, came up with the idea of Boxes Unlimited. He said that his 4th hour class formed a company with shares, for profits, divided among the class members. They formed a kind of assemblyline to mass produce the boxes for students and teachers for \$6.

Martin said that Mark Shaw, Kevin Tracy and Rick Lairs contributed a lot of time and work to finishing the boxes.

"The project taught the students how to work faster and better," said Martin.

During first semester students had the chance in woodworking classes to make projects of their own choice. Martin said that students made everything from card tables with chessboard tops to speaker cabinets to diningroom hutches.

Part of the assignment of making a woodwork project also required a notebook, said Ed Long, woodworking teacher. Long said that the notebook was required because it set out all the plans and specifications so that other people could make the same project.

In Mechanical Drawing and Industrial Drawing classes, also taught by Long, students learned to consider many factors in planning a drawing, such as dimension and tolerance. Students in Industrial Drawing learned how to ink drawings, which took a certain skill and patience, said Long. They also learned how to make a blueprint and how to copy on the blue print machine.

Debbie Hunter, senior

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1. Vocational Printing students get the offset press ready to run the ARKLIGHT.

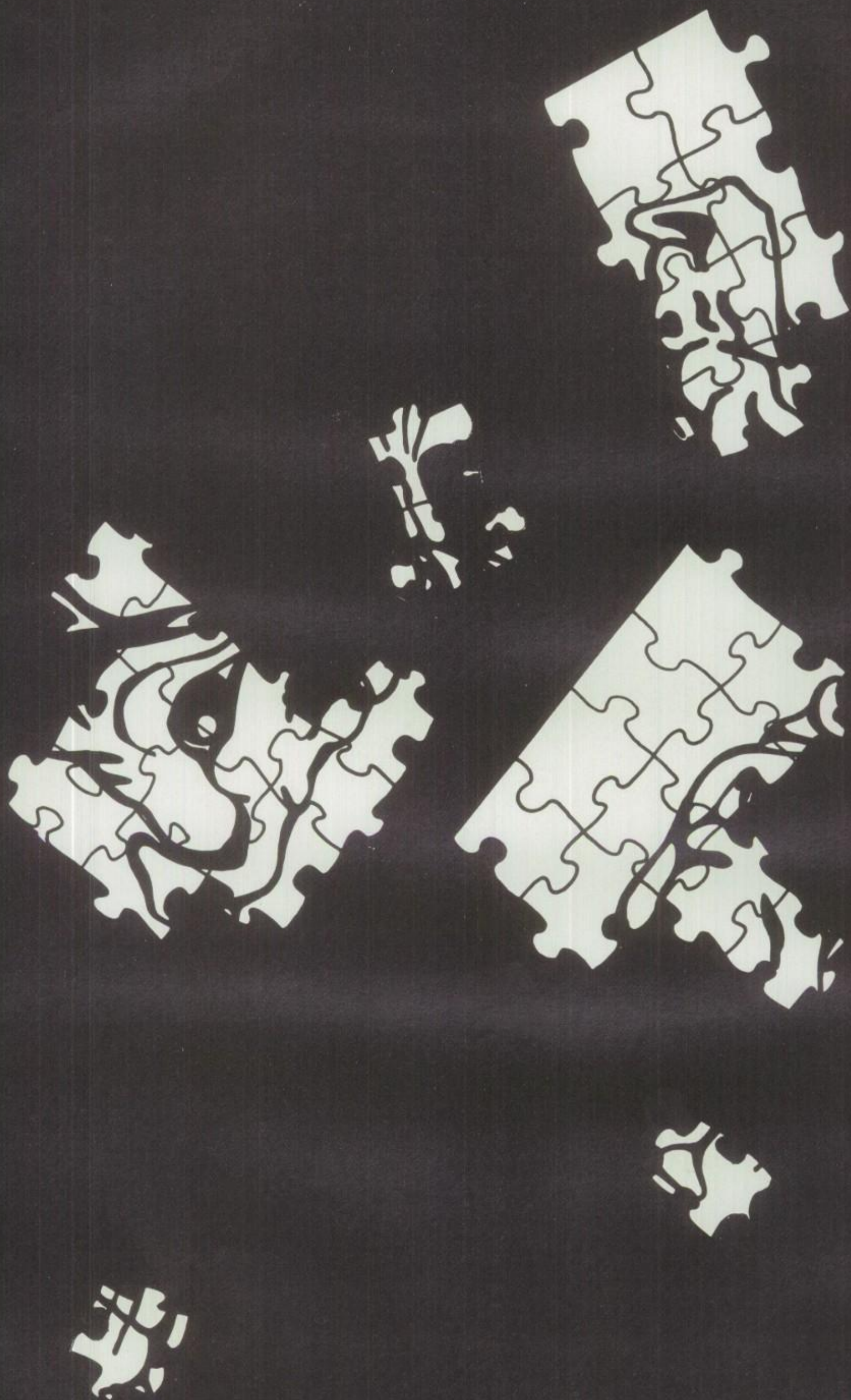
2. Allen Arthur and Barry Webb make a quick measurement before they begin cutting in Woodworking class.

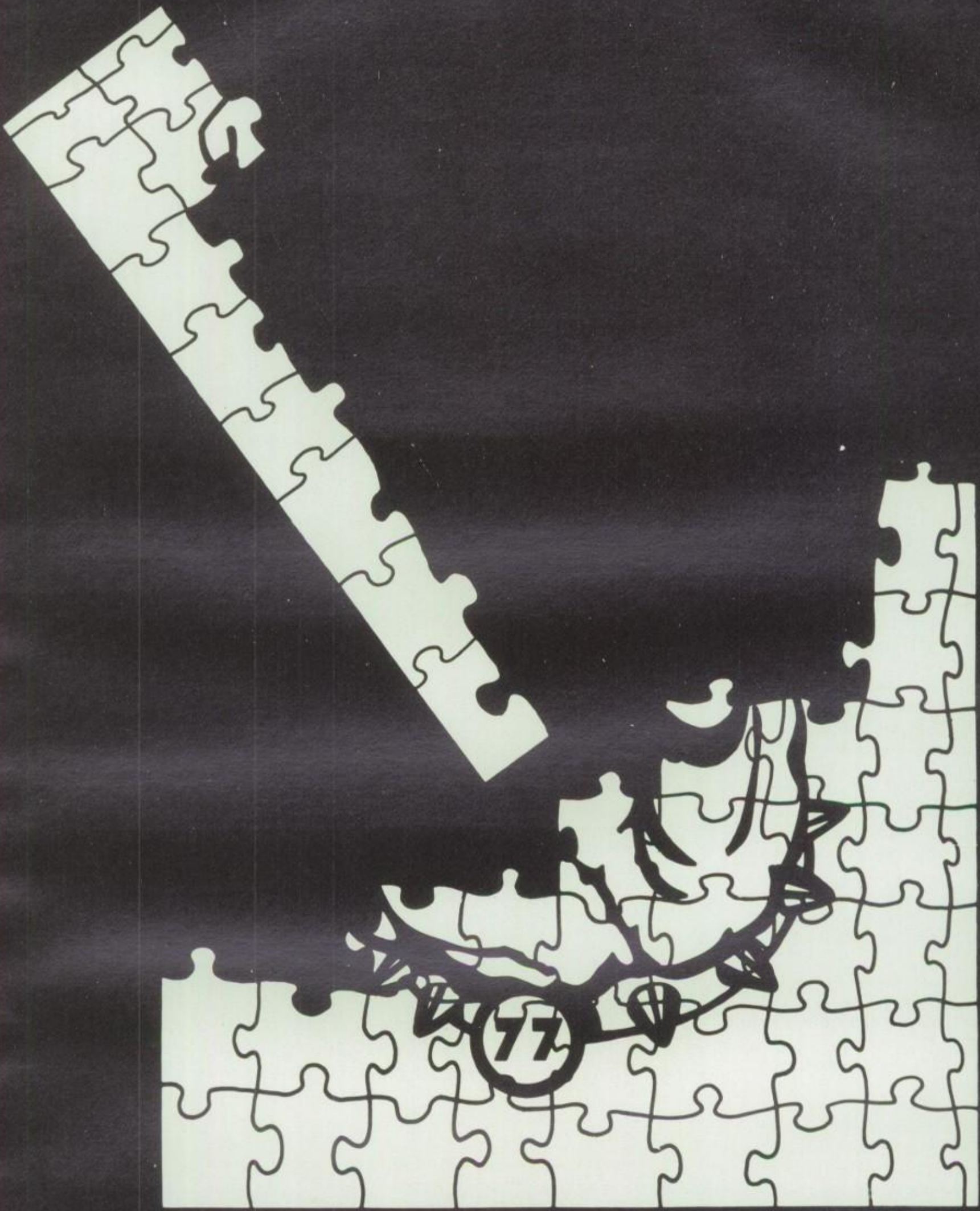
3. Darrell Gates and David Donohue don't mind getting their hands dirty as they work to find out why Donohue's car just doesn't work properly.

4. An Auto Mechanics student seems to be swallowed by his car as he tackles the exhaust system.

5. Tony Meyers braces a piece of wood before cutting it for his woodworking project.

6. Vocational-Industrial Clubs of America (VICA)—Back Row: Kim Brunk, David Donohue, Jeff Kennedy, Raymond Kennedy. Row 1: Darrell Dow, Bob Johnson, Steve Bumpas, Danny Terrill, Kim Case.





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Richard Chase: The Man from Independence

When Principal Richard Chase moved from Independence, Kansas to Arkansas City, he lost five kids but gained 800 new ones.

"We don't have any kids around now," said Chase. "It's quite a change from constant turmoil to just the two of us. Now we have a family of 800."

Richard Chase was principal in Independence High School previously. He and his wife, Phyllis, live in a duplex in Arkansas City, but they still maintain a home in Independence. Phyllis Chase is the librarian at Adams, Lincoln, and C-4 elementary schools.

Chase had a few problems putting names and faces together at the beginning of this year.

"I don't have enough contact with some of the students to learn their names," he said, "I usually have to ask for a name before it comes back who they are."

Coming from a school with about the same enrollment as ACHS, Chase said, "The problems are basically the same."

Meeting with the Board of Education are nothing new to Chase, only the material in those meetings, he said. Chase said that he had tried to get involved this year in the proposal for a new high school.

"There are some things a new building would provide, such as climate control and floors that don't squeak."

Chase admitted that the present high school would take extensive remodeling, but the present building could still be used.

"As long as the building is safe and healthy it is adequate," said Chase. If a new high school is built, it will probably include grades 9 through 12, Chase added.

"I have been very pleased with the attitude and cooperation that has been shown to me this year," he said. "The students would have to be pretty bad for me to dislike them."



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This year has been a new beginning for Chase, he had to uproot his life and his wife's life and move to a strange place without the rest of his family making the same move.

The Chase's have five children between the ages of 17 and 22. The youngest, Kathy, graduated from Independence High School this year. Kathy and 19-year old Marilyn, who was a freshman majoring in secretarial training at Independence Community Junior College this year; live in the Chase's house in Independence.

The Chase's three sons, Mike, 22; Bill, 21; and Mark, 20; all attend the University of Kansas. Mike attends the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) and Bill enters KUMC next month. Mark is majoring in business.

ACHS is facing several major changes next year, including a complete rearrangement of the class schedule. When asked if he would have made the move to ACHS principal in the face of the changes for 1977-78, he said, "I would not have done it if I didn't like kids."



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Akers One Step Ahead Students

"They're always thinking up new ways to get away with stuff," said Gary Akers, who has been vice-principal of ACHS for the past seven years.

As vice-principal of ACHS for seven years, Akers thinks that high school students have not changed appreciably.

One of Akers' major duties is to keep discipline within the school. Discipline, however, isn't his only job. Some of the many duties Akers performs include coordinating faculty duties, evaluating new teachers, supervising school activities and of course, patrolling the halls.

When asked how he managed to organize all of these activities, Akers said, "It's difficult but it's essential to be flexible."

Akers and his wife, who is a librarian at Northern Oklahoma College, live in Ponca City, Okla. Akers commutes the 26 miles every day. Sometimes he must make the trip twice when there is an evening school activity to supervise, he said.

Akers and his wife have no children. This gives Akers some spare time to devote to the hobbies he pursues, which include pottery making, jewelry making, hunting, fishing, bowling, volleyball, badminton and refereeing wrestling matches.

1. Emily Starr, sophomore, asks Principal Richard Chase a tough question. 2. ...Meanwhile back at Waterhole #11, Chase and Assistant Principal Gary Akers talk over the day's events. 3. Chase walks through the empty and peaceful halls of ACHS. 4. Lorene Baker, Attendance Office secretary, gets Akers's approval on a letter.

Local Board Again Discusses New High School Possibility

Despite the crumbling walls, creaking floors and sunken stairs, the ACHS building has withstood another year. However, according to USD 470 Board of Education members, students will not have to endure such conditions much longer. This past year the board decided to travel to various schools throughout Kansas to study modern architecture used by these buildings, which USD 470 could put into effect for the plans of a new high school in Arkansas City.

The board was considering building

a new high school north of Arkansas City on Radio Lane. USD 470 acquired approximately 77 acres through a "trade" agreement with Cowley County Community College.

Joan Olson, board member, said that the reason the new high school would be located at a new site was because there wasn't enough room around the current building on which to expand. Olson said that room for the woodworking and metal shops were not now available on the current building site and that they were needed.



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1. USD 470 Board of Education members, clockwise from left; Robert Marrs, Dorothy Bryant, Marilyn Childers, President David Daulton, Joan Olson, Russell Leach, Zora Weir. 2. Board of Education President David Daulton listens to a report about the future of the TAPS program in USD 470 presented by board member Joan Olson. 3. Superintendent Lloyd Shank, surrounded by Title IX paperwork, reads over a report. 3. Superintendent Lloyd Shank, surrounded by Title IX paperwork, reads over a report. 4. Herb Stone, USD 470 business manager, pauses after giving a financial report to the Board of Education. 5. Assistant Superintendent Gene Snyder proofreads a report at the Administration Office.



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Title IX Paperwork Load Heavy for Administrators

One of the biggest concerns of the administration of USD 470 this year was the implementation of Title IX. Title IX, part of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, prohibits sex discrimination in any federally or state funded educational institution.

As a person walked into Superintendent Lloyd Shank's office this year, he may have noticed the rather largely stuffed folder sitting to the left of Shank's huge wooden desk. This was the folder designated to Title IX paperwork, he said. According to Shank, this year has been possibly the best since the program was first put into effect in USD 470.

"Of course there have been several problems due to the lack of facilities, but these have been overcome," Shank said. "If a girl has an equal chance in

competition against a boy, then she is allowed to compete. However, if the chances are slim because of physical structure, then she is offered an equivalent sport; and vice versa."

Assistant Superintendent Gene Snyder also agreed that there had been no discrimination on the basis of sex this year; not only in sports but also in course selection. Snyder also said that 1977-78 should prove to be even more beneficial to all students.

Herb Stone, business manager of USD 470, has handled the monetary side of Title IX. Stone said that implementation of Title IX had meant extra costs for the school district.

Stone said that there had been extra costs in coaches salaries, transportation for sports events and general equipment costs.



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Counselors' Office Coordinates Arena Enrollment At ACHS

The cramped Counselors' Office took on another responsibility this year: coordinating the new arena enrollment procedure. After having checked over the enrollment cards and made any changes concerning student needs and wants, the counselors evaluated the cards with original enrollment preferences, said Counselor Richard Hawkins. With the arena enrollment procedure students will have more freedom in course selection, said Hawkins, but the new procedure meant more work for the counselors.

Although enrollment took up a great deal of the counselors' time this year, both Hawkins and Florence Stephens were also involved with other activities such as I-Care, college information and special counseling.

I-Care was formed by Hawkins and Stephens to enable sophomore girls to discuss their school-related and personal problems with someone their own age. Junior and senior girls applied and were interviewed before being chosen as I-Care leaders.

For those students who thought that they needed someone more mature with whom to talk, the counselors were ready and willing to help. Students were able to set up appointments to discuss personal problems.

Another very important aspect of the counselors' duties was to inform and guide students with the selection of colleges and careers. The Counselors' Office had information on all of the Kansas colleges as well as some colleges in Missouri and Oklahoma, said Stephens.

Not only was Hawkins kept busy this year as a counselor but he also was Pep Band director, Head Gatesman and Hi-Y sponsor. In remaining time Hawkins worked at Polar Bear Flour Mill. Hawkins said that he worked in the mill laboratory because "it's different."

Stephens, who came to ACHS the same year as Hawkins, said that the two of them were not only compatible but also much alike in their counseling styles.

Stephens, in her spare time, was sponsor of FTA and did palm reading for a hobby, she said.



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1. Counselor Florence Stephens performs one of her essential duties: keeping parents informed of their student's progress at ACHS.
2. Stephens and Counselor Richard Hawkins, who are responsible for coordinating the I-Care groups at ACHS, head back to their office after a session.
3. Hawkins, a man of many talents, conducts the Pep band at an assembly in the Aud-Gym.
4. Sharon Yarborough, English teacher and debate coach, starts another week with an aggressive smile.
5. Yarborough, tired at the end of a long day, uses her podium for a little moral and physical support.
6. Rod Nulik, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor, finds hog raising a time consuming hobby. Picture here is Nulik doing his "daily chores."
7. Beginning teachers look for guidance anywhere they can find it. Nulik hopes to find a little from Honest Abe.





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Danny Baum
Industrial Arts



David Brax
Social Science



Caryl Buller
Fine Arts



Donna Coburn
Home Economics

Local Yokels Make Good

Thomas Wolfe once said, "You can never go home." ACHS teachers Sharon Yarborough and Rod Nulik defied that saying this year. Both Yarborough and Nulik graduated from ACHS in 1966 and 1972 respectively and have returned home to teach.

Following high school graduation Yarborough went to Cowley County Community College (CCCC) for two years and to Kansas State University (KSU) for two years. She earned her B.S. in Education from KSU and completed her Masters in Education at Wichita State University in 1974. Yarborough taught at Wellington High School before coming back to Arkansas City.

Nulik also attended CCCC after graduating from ACHS. At that time CCCC classes were located in the high school building. After one year at CCCC Nulik then went to Kansas State University to major in Agriculture Education. At KSU Nulik was a member of the Agriculture Student Council.

Both Yarborough and Nulik were active in school events while attending ACHS.

Yarborough was a member of Y-Teens, Debate team, Forensics team, Spanish Club, Band, Orchestra and Future Business Leaders of America.

Nulik was very active in the local Future Farmers of America (FFA). He was FFA chapter president and FFA state vice-president in high school. Through FFA Nulik also won judging awards and traveled to the National FFA Contest. Nulik also gave one of the commencement speeches as a senior.

Yarborough said that working with her own high school teachers was "interesting."

"There is still respect and admiration," said Yarborough. "I always remember being in their classes and I want to return some of what they taught me to my students."

Nulik said that there were some advantages to "hometown teaching." He said, "The area is familiar, I know where to go and who to see."

The hardest thing that Nulik has found as a student-turned teacher was to turn personal friendships into student-teacher relationships. "It's even harder with a sister," Nulik said.

Returning to teach at the high school from which one graduated is not always easy said Yarborough and Nulik. But as Nulik put it, "I just hoped it wouldn't

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Assignment: What I Did On My Summer Vacation

Each and every year, as if it were an unwritten law of teaching, students receive the assignment to write about what their summer vacation was like. This year, however, the MIRROR staff asked teachers that question before they thought about making the assignment to students again.

Although summer is a time of rest and relaxation, many ACHS faculty members plan to keep busy this summer in order to better prepare both themselves and the students for the next school year.

Willa Howerton, business teacher, said that at sometime during this summer vacation that she would attend at least one course at Emporia Kansas State College (EKSC), so that she will be able to teach the newest methods in business to her classes next year.

David Stinemetze, science teacher, also plans to attend EKSC this summer.

Verna Stuteville, business teacher, and Richard Mehuron, economics teacher, on the other hand; will continue teaching throughout the summer. Stuteville will teach Economics and Mehuron will teach Constitution.

However, not all teachers will be hiding behind their books this summer. Raymond Judd, retiring history teacher, has found something much easier and healthier to hide behind: a tennis racket.

1. Dejon Ewing, English teacher and A.C. Players sponsor, conducts tryouts for the spring play "On Borrowed Time." 2. Wilma Ledeker, English teacher, discusses a book in her 5th hour Crisis of Youth class. Ledeker is one of three ACHS teachers who will sponsor a study abroad program this summer. 3. Mike Dobson, history teacher and sophomore football coach, watches from the sidelines.



Norma Dixon
Physical Education



Mike Dobson
Social Science



Dale Eggen
Social Science



Marc Evans
English, Social Science



Dejon Ewing
English



Doug Ewing
Social Science



Kevin Finson
Science



Dean Gilstrap
Athletic Director



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4. Caryl Buller, art teacher, puts the finishing touches on a Poch board that she made in Ceramics class. Buller said that Poch was a German card game often referred to as Michigan Rummy or Rummy Royale. 5. Susie Stark, English teacher and English Department chairman, wonders just where to begin as she peers over a loaded desk.



Charles Graham
Science



Deborah Grantham
Learning Center



Ray Gilstrap
Fine Arts



Estelle Gottlob
English



Robert Hicks
Librarian



Willa Howerton
Business



Garrah Ibach
Social Science



Kenneth Judd
Fine Arts



Raymond Judd
Social Science



Blythe Karstadt
Fine Arts



Wilma Ledeker
English



Ed Long
Industrial Arts



Lesley Long
Foreign Language



J.C. Louderback
Mathematics

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ACHS Adds 13 Teachers To 77-78 Staff

Who says 13 is an unlucky number? Certainly not the 13 new teachers that were added to the ACHS faculty this year. Vice-principal Gary Akers said that this was one of the largest numbers of new teachers to be added to the staff in just one year.

New to the staff this year was David Brax, from Assaria, Kan. He taught Constitution, American History and Current World Affairs. Brax coached seventh grade basketball. Brax received his degree from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan.

Two teachers transferred from the Junior High to ACHS this year. They were Caryl Buller and David Steinemetz. Buller, who commuted every day from Ponca City, Okla., taught Art I, Art II and Art III. Buller also taught two new classes in Jewelry and Ceramics. She received her degree from Oklahoma State University.

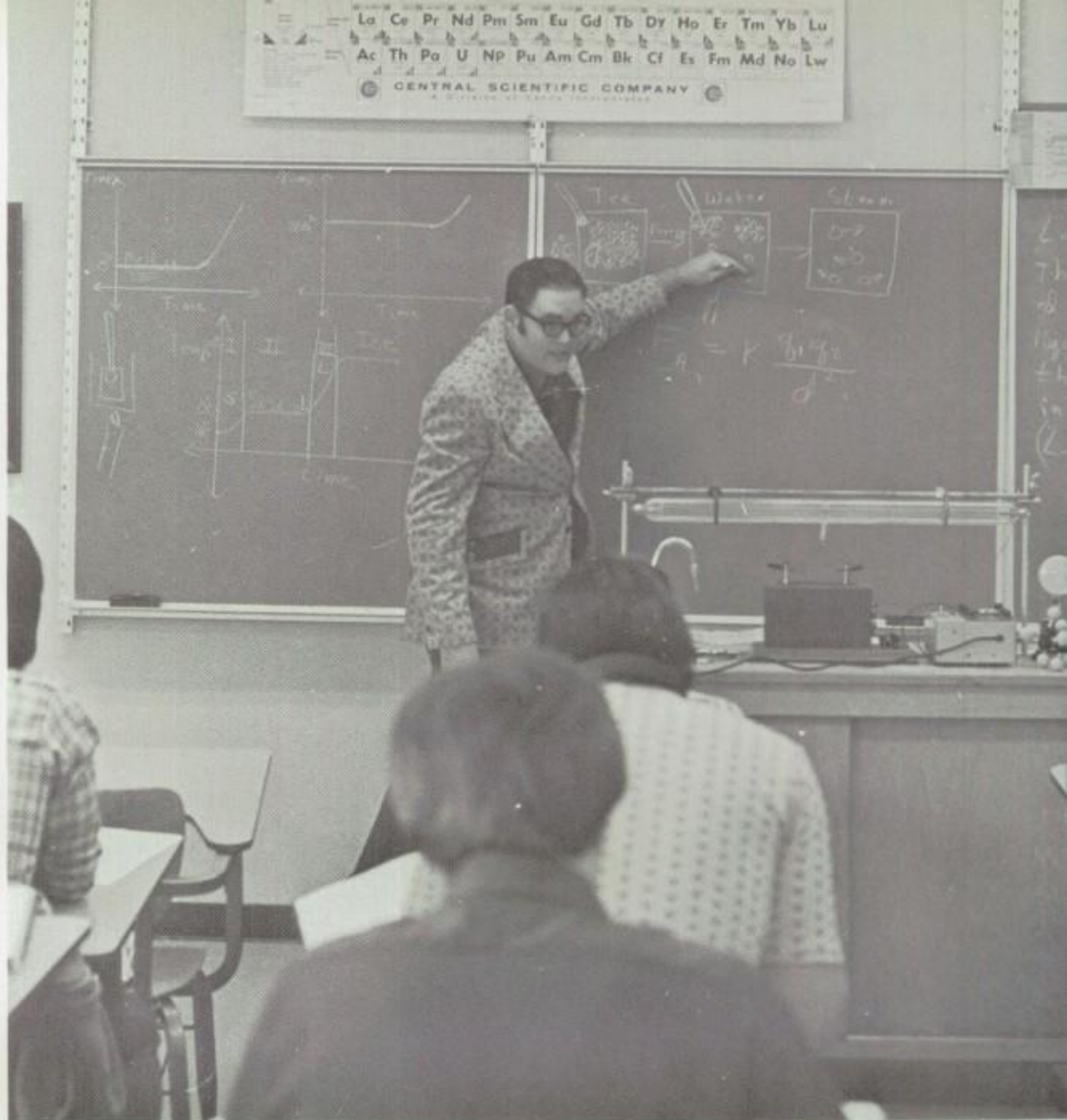
Steinemetz taught advanced science classes. He was also a sponsor of the Science Club. He received his degree from Southwestern College.

Not only this year was Mike Dobson coaching sophomore football and seventh grade basketball, teaching World History, but he also was pursuing his masters degree at Wichita State University this year. He received his teaching degree from Southwestern College and currently lives in Winfield.

Kevin Finson, from Clay Center, Kan. taught his second and third semesters at ACHS this year. He taught Earth Science and Physical Science, plus sponsored the Science Club.

Working with the Level IV program, Debbie Grantham, from Kansas City, Mo., earned her B.S. in Education from Northwestern Missouri State University and her Masters in Special Education from Wichita State University. She has already begun hours beyond her masters this year.

The new librarian, Robert Hicks,



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Clifford Lyon
Fine Arts



Betty Martin
English



Henry Martin
Industrial Arts



Bill Means
Physical Education



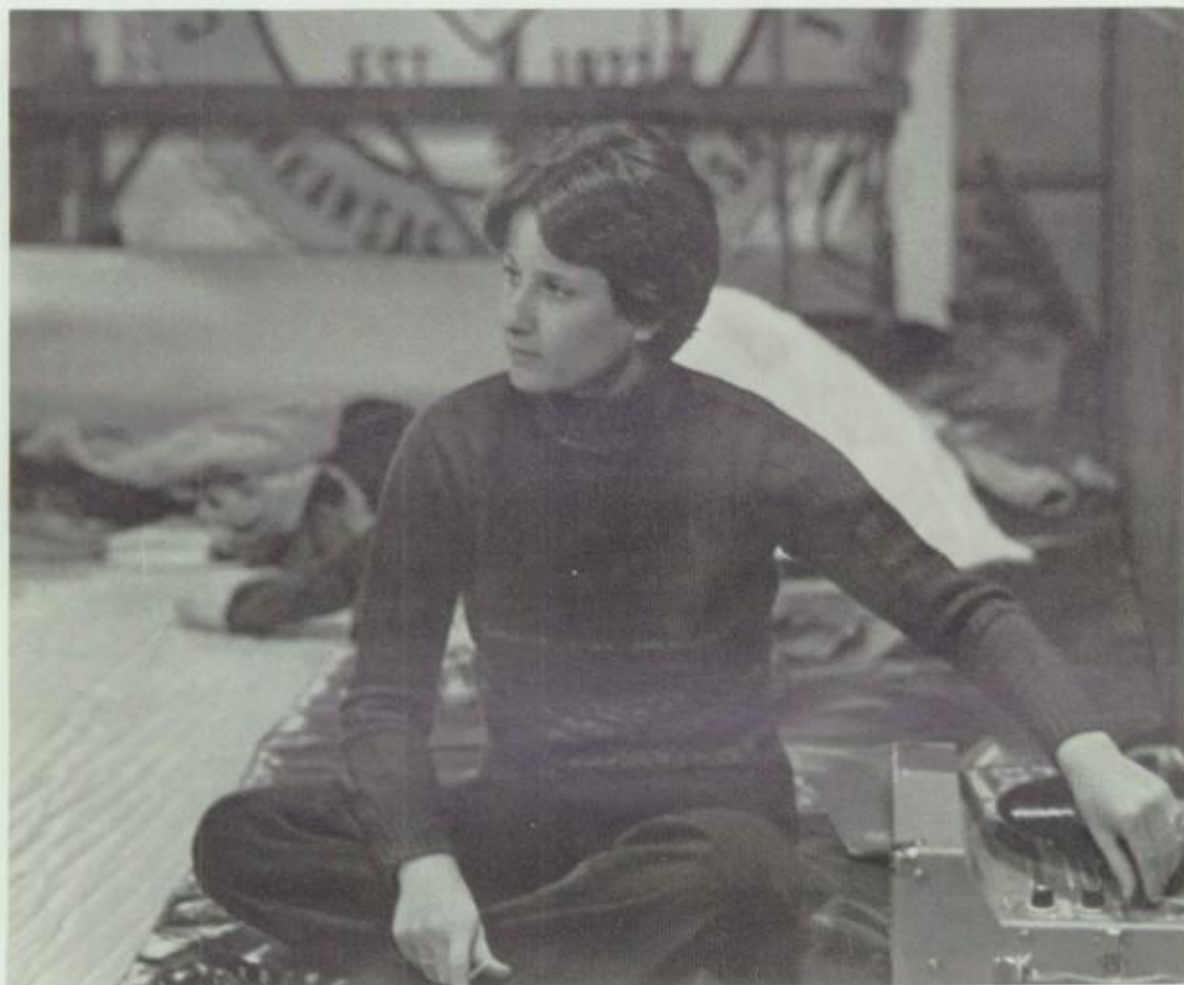
Richard Mehuron
Social Science



Ralph Miller
Social Science



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Steve Moore
Mathematics



Rod Nulik
Vocational Agriculture



Beverly Nittler
Home Economics



Oscar Partin
Industrial Arts

came from Yankton, S. Dak. He received his Masters in Library Science from Emporia Kansas State College. Hicks taught English in several schools in Nebraska before coming to ACHS.

Blythe Karstadt, from Lindsborg, Kan., taught Orchestra in grades four through twelve. Her school days began with ACHS Orchestra first hour but she spent most of the school day at the various grade schools in Arkansas City. Karstadt earned her music education degree from Kansas State University.

The ACHS Band also got a new director this year, Clifford Lyon, from Ft. Smith, Ark. He received his music education degree from Arkansas Tech University.

Also from Ponca City, Okla., is Betty Martin. She taught Sophomore English and Composition. She earned her degree from Oklahoma State University.

Rod Nulik, from Arkansas City, came back to teach Agriculture Business. He earned his degree from Kansas State University.

Martha Reeves, from Ulysses, Kansas, taught sophomore English, Composition and coached girls' gymnastics. She graduated from the University of Kansas.

Coming from Milwaukee, Wisc., Sarah Wohlrabe taught English and journalism. Graduating from the University of Kansas with a double major in Journalism and English Education, Wohlrabe was also adviser to both the ARKLIGHT and MIRROR.

1. David Stinemetze, new science teacher, seems hard at work with diagrams trying to explain to an Advanced Chemistry class why ice melts. 2. New Girls' Gymnastic Coach Martha Reeves mans the record player at practice in the "Dungeon." Under Reeves direction the team finished third at the state meet. 3. Band Director Clifford Lyon conducts the marching band at an 8 a.m. practice on Curry Field. 4. Kevin Finson, new science teacher, grades papers during his preparation period.

Old Teachers Don't Die, They Just Dance Away

After 46 years of teaching, the last five years at ACHS, American History teacher Raymond Judd is dancing his way to retirement.

Judd has taught everywhere from grade school to high school, and everything from mathematics to English.

"I enjoy teaching because that is where youth is," said Judd.

After retiring Judd said that he would still teach privately or teach at ACHS as a substitute teacher.

"I will not sit around and do nothing," said Judd. "An active mind and body keeps you young."

Some students and teachers have called Judd the "Fred Astaire of ACHS."

"I never danced a step until I was 65 and now dancing is my chief source of recreation," he said.

Judd and his wife, Dolly, attended all the school dances this year and go to Wichita at least once a week to dance, said Judd. Judd claims that he can do the Rumba: the Cha-Cha: the Polka: the Foxtrot: the Waltz: Single, Double and Triple Swing and three versions of the Hustle.

"Dancing is fun," he said.

At ACHS Judd has also been known as "Mr. Pep Club." When Judd first started as Pep Club sponsor, the club had a membership of about 50. The following year the membership increased to 150, said Judd. This year there were 125 active members, said Judd, and the largest the club has ever been under his direction was 180 members.

"Today the student's life is not centered around the school; there are more outside activities," said Judd. "If you have a winning team, the student body is real active."



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Martha Reeves
English



Jody Robinson
Foreign Language



Lois Sampson
English



Suzanne Stark
English



Velda Stewart
Business



Dave Stinemetz
Science, Mathematics

During all of his years of teaching, Judd has always taught tennis. He said that at one time he simultaneously coached the junior high, senior high and junior college teams. His teams had a 80 to 90 per cent winning average.

One year ago, Judd got married for the second time to a woman who was, at one time, one of his students.

"My wife has a pleasing personality," he said. "She enjoys all the school activities, and she is very tolerant of all my activities."

Both Judd and his wife play a lot of tennis. Judd said, that even after his retirement from teaching that he would still teach the Recreation Program Tennis and hopefully expand his lesson times into the late fall and early spring.

Judd, age 70, is only retiring this spring because by law he must. He came to teach at ACHS because, as school administrator, he had to retire at age 60. ACHS is losing one of its best assets this year not because of senility but on technicality.

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LeRay Stinemetze
Science



Verna Stuteville
Business



Myrna Swanson
Business



Harold Watson
Educational Agriculture



Clara Wilson
English

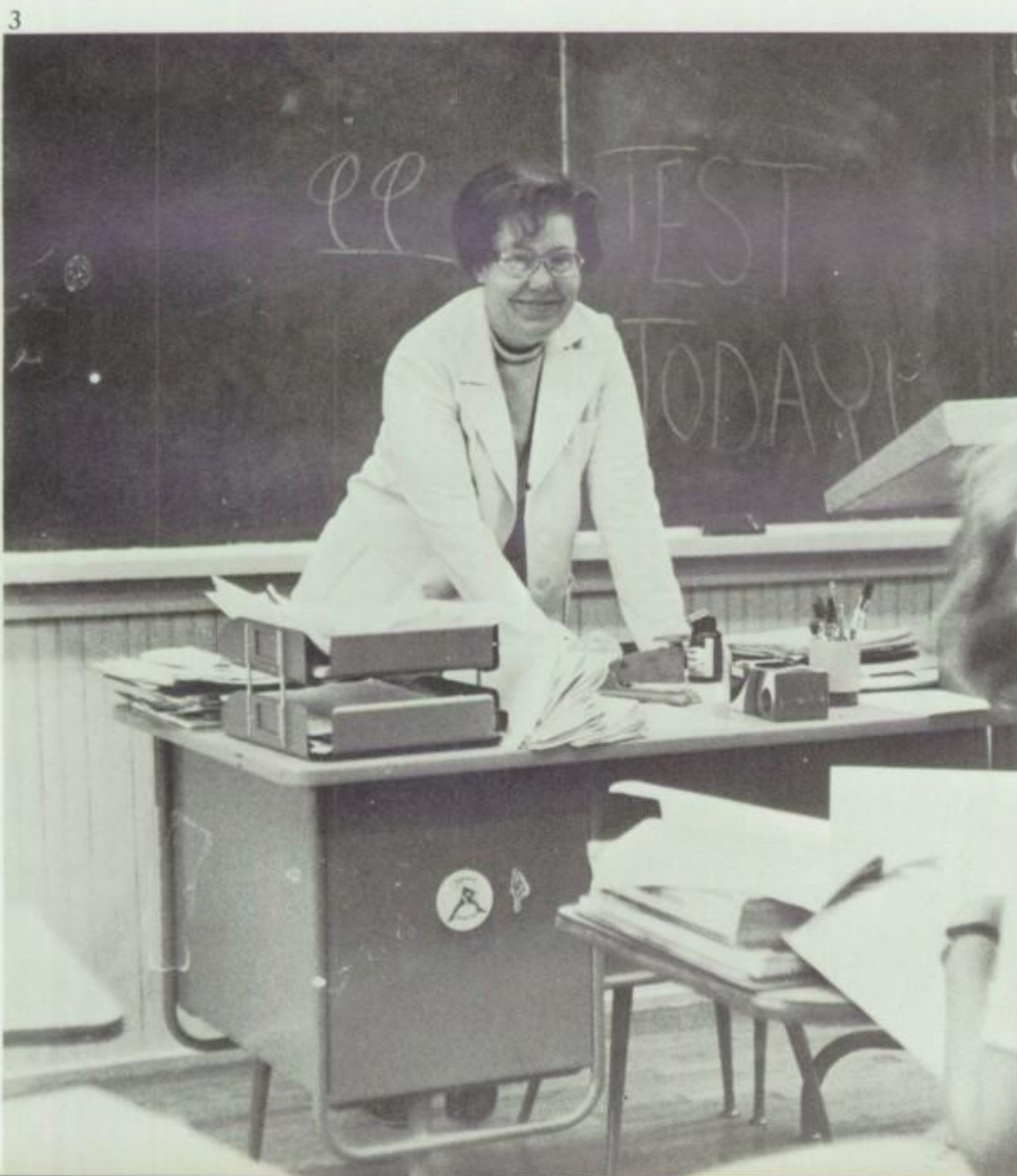


Sarah Wohlrabe
English

1. Raymond Judd, retiring history teacher and Pep Club sponsor, boosts school spirit by plastering the walls of Senior floor with posters. 2. Kenneth Judd, vocal music teacher, helps the Girls' Glee Club with their class project. This year members of the class painted the school song on the choir room wall. 3. Shorthand classes knew that trouble was ahead when Myrna Swanson got that special look on her face that said, "Thank goodness it's test day." 4. Beyond this point is the teachers' lounge; a place free from students, ungraded papers, lesson plans, progress reports and clean air.



Sharon Yarbrough
English



Janitors Clean, Decorate Halls

"A custodian's work is never done," is the battlecry of four efficient people that keep ACHS in working condition. These four people are Janice Jones, head custodian, Ruth Weber, Denver Patchen and Mark Foster.

Jones and Weber, who work the day shift from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., must have the following duties done each day: open ACHS at 7 a.m., put the flags out, clean the school grounds, keep the halls waxed and swept (including stair and railings), clean all glass (showcases and water fountains), generally care and clean the boilers, dust paintings and ledges in halls and classrooms and empty trash that the night shift puts into the containers for them.

In addition, Jones and Weber have done something this year that no other custodians have ever done: painting some of the restrooms in purple and gold. In the girls' restroom Jones and Weber put a graffiti board for everyone's "mark." The other restrooms will be painted over the summer, said Jones.



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The evening shift, 2 to 10 p.m., is occupied by Patchen and Foster. They sweep the classrooms, clean desks, clean boys' and faculty restrooms, mop shower room and locker room and sweep the halls before going home. Jobs done weekly include emptying the trash on Friday; vacuuming the principal's office, teachers' lounge, library

and art room and washing the chalkboards.

Jones, who is the only female head custodian in the district, said that the custodian's job was made more difficult because the building was getting so old. Also Jones said that student vandalism and defacement of school property added extra duties to the custodian's list.



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New Personnel Keep Offices Running Smooth

Some people think that a secretary's job is just typing up letters and answering the telephone. However, Principal Richard Chase said that in the Main Office that "we all work as a team."

Lillie Sodowsky new secretary of the Main Office, has a very time-consuming job, but she said that she found the job to be enjoyable. Sodowsky worked in the Attendance Office last year. She said that there was more variety and more detail in the Main Office, and this she likes.

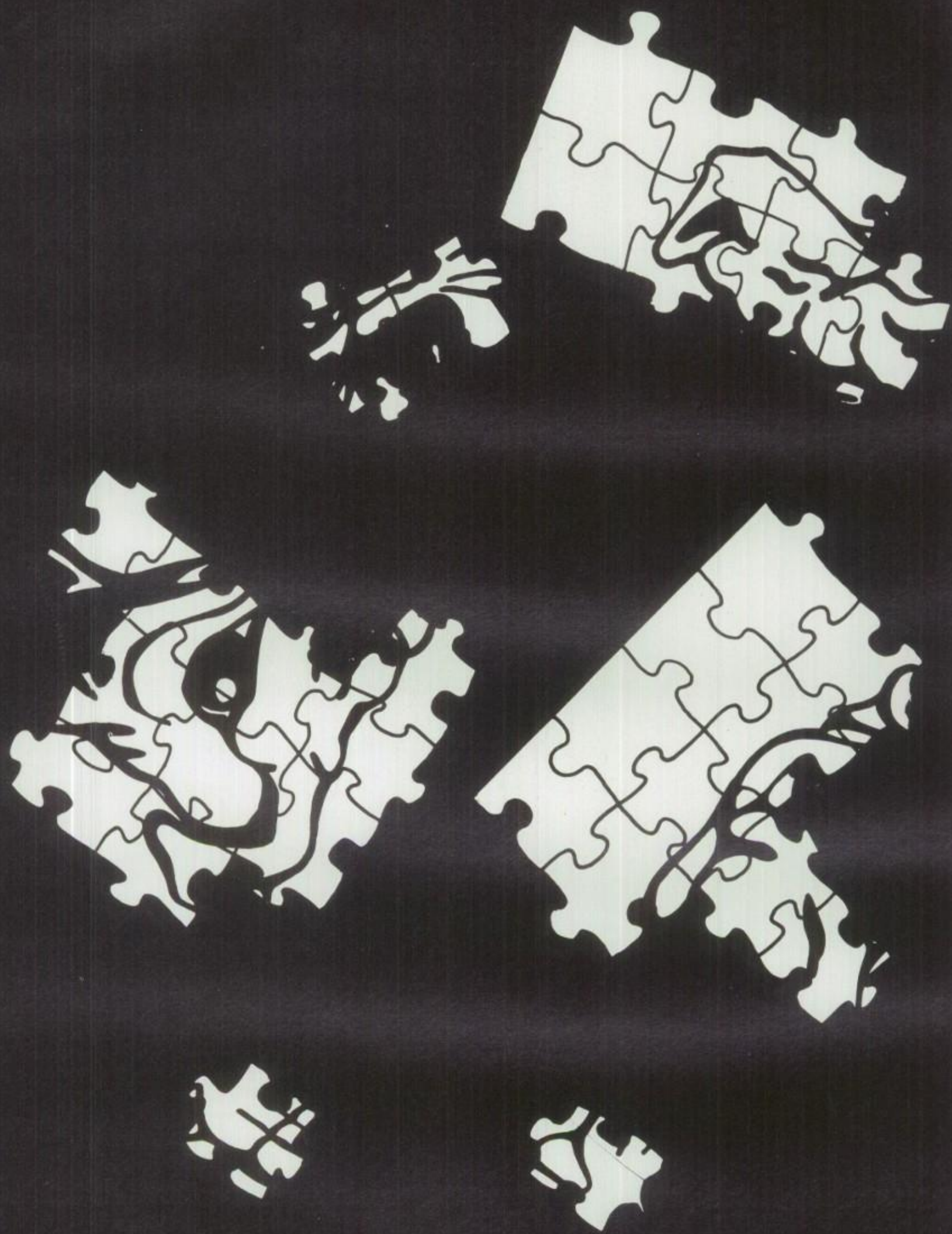
Sodowsky said that she had many responsibilities including doing work for the school, the principal and the faculty. Sodowsky is also in charge of keeping track of all records.

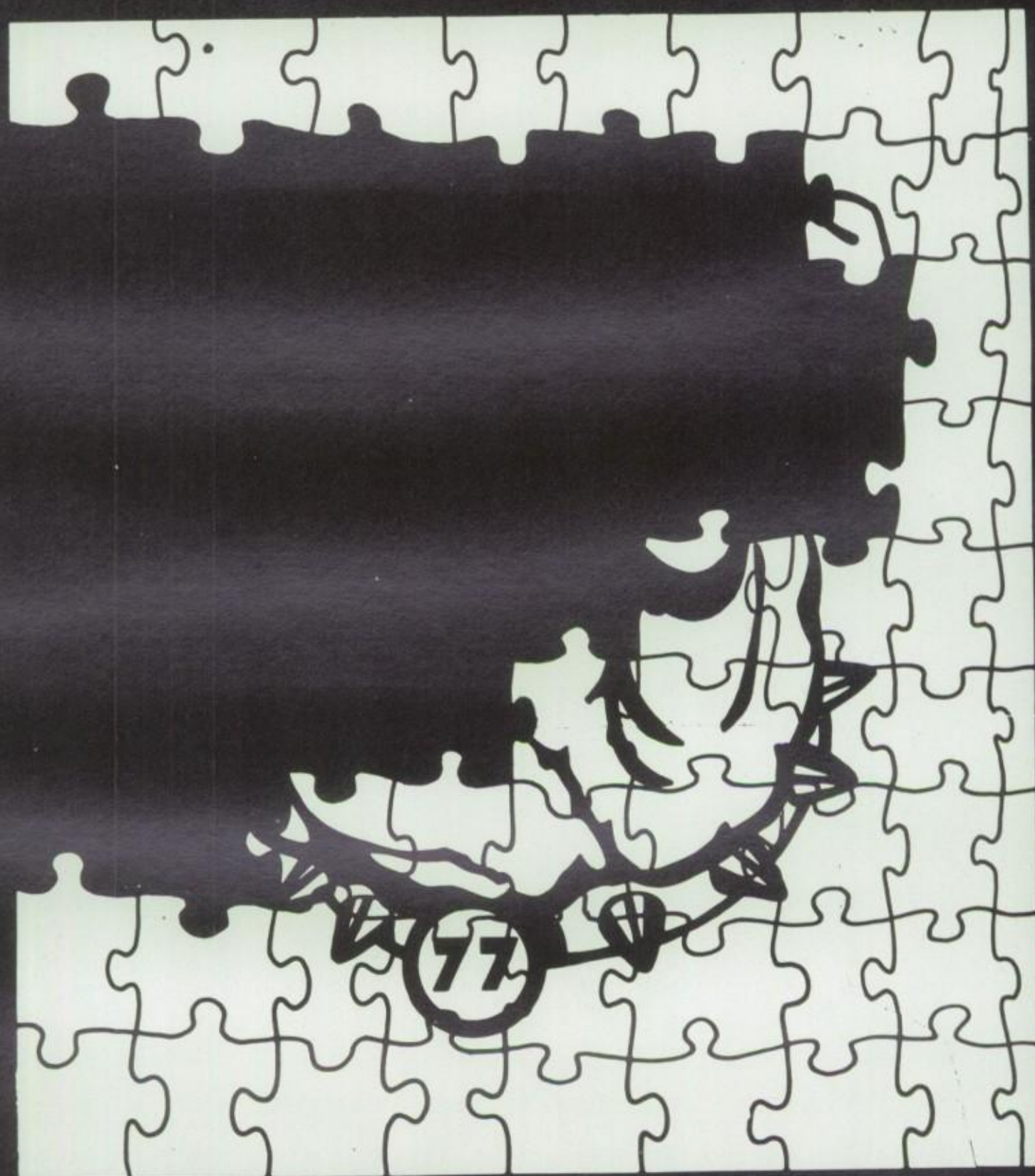
Lorene Baker, Attendance Office secretary, is also new to ACHS this year. Baker said that she found her job both interesting and challenging. She said that she enjoyed speaking with the students that come into the office. Baker said that her responsibilities including receiving calls, attending to student needs, bookkeeping for all school organizations, and keeping all attendance records.

Chase and Assistant Principal Gary Akers both said that they were pleased with how the secretaries kept the school running and how the secretaries maintained good communication between both offices.

"Just because our offices are so far apart doesn't mean that we don't have a communication system," said Sodowsky. "We work together."

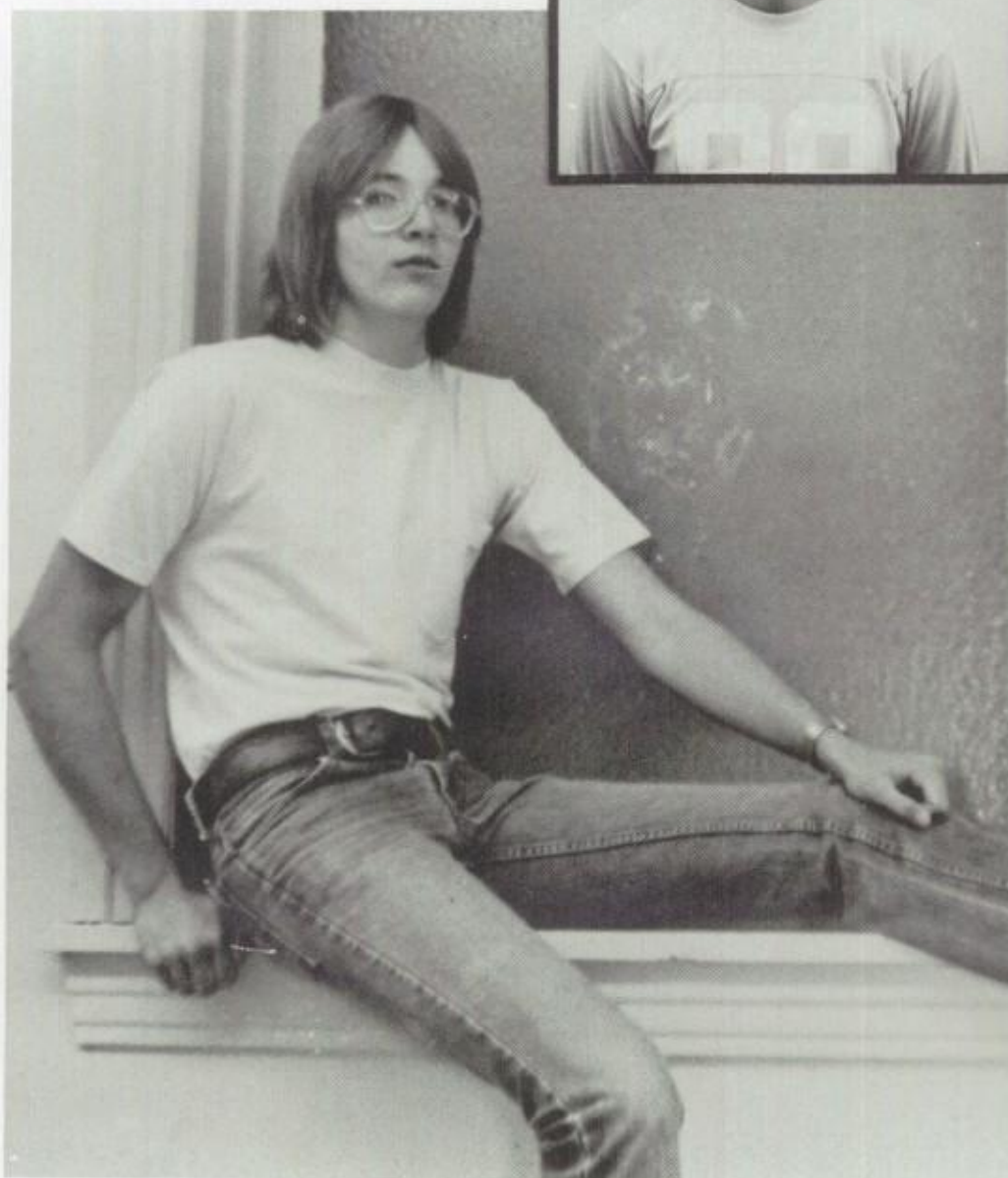
1. Janice Jones, head custodian at ACHS, watches one of the maintenance crew fix a short in a light fixture on senior floor. 2. ACHS custodial staff are Mark Foster, Ruth Weber, Denver Patchen and Janice Jones. 3. Denver Patchen, night shift custodian, maps part of west second floor. 4. Lillie Sodowsky, Main Office secretary, inks up the new offset printing machine. 5. Trying to catch her breath on one of the more trying days, Lillie Sodowsky prepares to answer an onslaught of questions from students and teachers. 6. Attendance Office Secretary Lorene Baker rests her feet in Assistant Principal Garry Akers' Office.





classes

Sophomore class officers were Mark Swanson, president; Joe Woodard, vice-president; Barb Thoma, secretary-treasurer; Terry Salisbury, Stuco representative.



At the beginning of the school year, the many timid faces of sophomores filled the halls of ACHS, fearful of their "superiors." Now that the year has been completed, they realize that high school isn't as bad as they had expected. In fact, as they look back they can see that it was filled with many good times and activities such as sports, hall decorating contests, and dances. It was during this time that sophomores had the chance to present their outstanding abilities to their upper classmen. Being a sophomore was fun, but just wait until next year.

Ackerman, Theresa
Aguinaga, Zanna
Allen, Gilbert
Allen, Tonya
Alvord, Kay
Anderson, Ed
Anderson, Pamela
Andrews, Brent



Ansley, Chico
Anthis, Juile
Arnett, Rod
Arthur, Allan
Atkinson, Sherry
Austin, Mark Alan
Axley, Judy
Bailey, Danny



Bailey, Doris
Baird, Jane
Banta, Sherry
Barg, Jeffery
Barrows, Carol
Baughman, John
Baxter, Earl
Bazil, Miranda



Bazil, Ruth
Bazil, Teresa
Beach, Jim
Beard, Natasha
Beckelhimer, Bill
Beeks, Nancy
Berry, Charlie
Bickford, Richard





Sophomore Lisa Bradford smiles with approval at another student in Art II class.

Billings, Joy
Bland, Pamela
Bohannon, Danell
Bousson, David

Bowker, Charles
Bowman, Connie
Bowman, Tommy
Pradford, Lisa

Brown, Jeff
Bruce, Mervin
Buck, Melanie
Buffo, Robert

Bunnell, Tony
Byers, Bruce
Call, Dale
Callison, Dwayne

Campbell, William
Carlson, Rex
Carr, Jennifer
Caroll, Judi

Carter, David
Case, Ted
Castle, Jeffery
Chapin, Jody
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Coble, Monty
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Evinger, Michael
Fair, Brenda
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Finley, Mark
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Fortenberry, Dianna

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Foster, Charles
Foster, Karen
Foster, Larry



Frank, Randy
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Fulcher, James
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Gates, Darryl
Gier, Rashelle
Givens, Kody
Graves, Richard



Green, Michelle
Green, Robert
Grose, David
Guinn, Tamela



Harper, Candy
Harper, James
Hatcher, Yvonne
Hawkins, Jeff
Headrick, Renee
Hedrick, Terri
Henderson, Jeff
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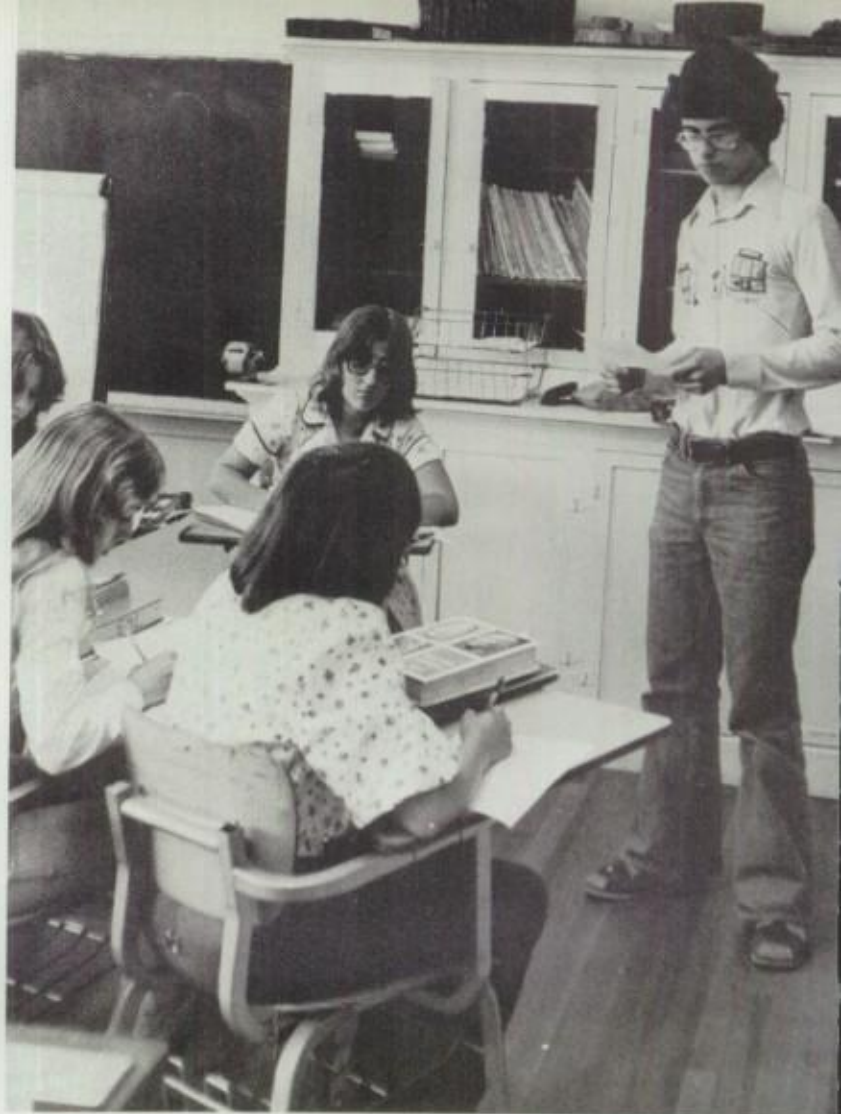
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Jarboe, Christine
Jenkins, Cindy



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Jordan, Debra
Jordan, Terry
Joseph, Mark
Jurrens, Denise
Kanelakos, Sharon



Kemph, Dawn
Kendrick, John
Kennedy, Barbara
Kerr, Sharnell
Kinzie, Marty
Knight, Bruce
Krueger, Kim
LaBrue, Teresa



Sophomore Mark Austin presents a group project in Mike Dobson's World History class.





Landrum, Carl
Larson, Karen
Lavelle, Deanne
LeClair, Hazel
Lind, Nancy
Logue, David
Lolar, Mark
Long, Lisa



Louderback, Jan
Magnus, David
Mann, Joyce
Marlar, Randy
Marrs, Diane
Martin, Sara
Mathews, Robbye
Matney, Jamie



McAdoo, Rodger
McCann, Laura
McClafin, Alica
McConnell, John
McCormick, Kelley
McCune, Mark
McCutcheon, Peggy
McGehee, James



McGinn, Tammi
McGowan, Terri
McIntire, Stephan
McKnight, Bryan
McLeod, Thomas
McMahan, Kathy
McNinch, Dennis
Meek, Karen



Mefford, Tammy
Merry, Greg
Metcalf, Patrick
Meyer, Diane
Miller, Pat *EDDIE*
Miller, Warren
Milner, John
Ming, Florine



Moman, Kevin
Morris, James
Morris, Lisa
Morris, Stan
Morrison, Cathy
Mundy, Cathy
Musson, Randy
Myers, Tony



Sophomore Renee Headrick tries to scare off the photographer after she has been caught on Senior Floor.



Osborn, David
Palmer, Terry
Pappan, Jeff

Phillips, Joe
Pingry, Jim
Poling, Greg

Postlewait, Dale
Postlewait, Eric
Pratt, Doug

Priddy, Joe
Puffinbarger, Rita
Quintero, Vicki
Ralston, Susan
Ramsey, Jeff
Ramsey, Sandra
Reed, Larry
Richardson, Robert



Roberts, Kim
Robertson, Lynn
Robertson, Sandy
Robinson, Connie
Rockhold, Christina
Rollins, Howard
Rouch, Leslie
Rowe, Randy



Ruch, David
Salisbury, Terry
Sanborn, Donnell
Sanders, Andrea
Sanders, Ricky
Sanford, Janet
Sartin, David
Schimmel, Tim



Scott, Butch
Scott, Tommy
Seibel, Kent
Sexton, Leslie
Sexton, Pam
Sherman, Jerry
Sherwood, Daren
Sherwood, Sharon



Shook, Stuart
Shore, Patricia
Shriver, Jill
Simmons, Billy
Simmons, Terri
Smith, Barbara
Smith, Denise
Snow, Jeff



Sodowsky, Diana
South, Steve
Starr, Emily
Stewart, Richard
Storm, David
Stout, Susan
Strange, Teresa
Stull, Kendall



Swanson, Janet
Swanson, Mark
Sweetwood, Terrill

Sophomore Carol Barows rests after applying her clown make-up. Barrows is a professional clown who performs on weekends at parties in Oklahoma.



Tannehill, Kelvin
Tannehill, Melvin
Tempelaar, Eric



Terry, Teresa
Tharp, Leann
Thielen, Stuart





Sophomore Lisa Morris practices her balance beam routine at the State Gymnastics Meet at Topkea West High School on Saturday, Dec. 18.

Thoma, Barbara
Thresher, Alan
Towles, Harold
Unruh, Johnny

Upton, Steve
Virden, Linda
Waite, John
Walker, Clay

Walker, Debra
Walker, Kevin
Walker, Ruth Ann
Wampler, Michelle

Watson, Rick
Webb, Barry
Webb, Kirt
Weber, Mike

Whatley, Carl
Wheeler, James
Wiginton, Rick
Wilkin, Robert

Wilkinson, James
Wilkinson, Kenny
Wolfe, Terri
Woodard, Joe

Young, Belinda
Young, Jeff
Young, Kelly
Rempe, Dorothy
Brumley, Vickie
James Weber,

Not pictured: Tammy Baker, William Boyle, Bart Canaday, Deanne Cavelle, Darin Devereux, Garland Edwards, James Estep, Susan Evans, Mindy Everett, Terri Fildes, Kenneth Gilliland, Robert Gillock, Tammy Green, Ronnie Groh, Carol Hass, James Hawk, Charles Henderson, Belinda Hendrix, Micheal Hutchinson, Cynthia Hynd, Jeff Mahannah, Eric Martin, Twona McKinney, Phillip Morris, Howard Morton, Mike Nelson, Roby Roberts, Johnny Sexton, Stephan Trillo, Clint Walker, Melvin Walker, Terri Winger, Cynthia Wood.



This year's Junior class officers were Sharon Johnson, president; Camy Stamps, vice-president; Scott Smith, secretary-treasurer; Julie Miller, Stuco representative.

It seemed that their biggest chore was decorating. With the help of other junior class mates the officers decorated junior floor for the floor decorating contest.

The juniors also decorated for the Junior-Senior Prom. They really worked on it to make it so the seniors would not forget that senior prom back in high school. The center attraction of prom was a fountain, with real running water. As the dance went on people gathered to look at the real fish swimming in this fountain. But most of the people there at the dance didn't realize it was a horse tank which was holding the water and the fish. Johnson said that they needed something to hold the water and they tried to use a baby pool but it wasn't tall enough. Everyone tried to think of something that would work and then Junior Pam McCord volunteered her horse tank.

Pam McCord, junior

Abplanalp, Tammy
Adamson, Chris
Adamson, Mary
Aquina, Steve
Akers, James
Allen, Robin
Allen, Shelly
Anstine, Gary



Anstine, Mike
Artherton, Kevin
Aucar, John
Bailey, Paul
Bain, David
Baker, Tammy
Baucus, Karen
Baughman, Audie



Behrens, Marilyn
Boman, Sherri
Brister, Cathy
Broadrick, Del
Brunk, Kim
Bruton, Cindy
Bryant, Jeff
Buchanan, Melinda



Bucher, James
Buffo, Paula
Burnett, Debbie
Bushyhead, Shiresta
Call, David
Campbell, Craig
Campbell, Janice
Carlson, John





Case, Kim
Chambers, Brent
Coble, Daryl
Coffey, Tracy
Collyar, Donald
Colquhoun, Susan
Conner, Edward
Covey, Barbara



Craddock, Victor
Crain, Merry
Cyre, Lana
Daniel, Sally
Daulton, David
Dawes, Kay
Day, Andy
Demaree, Doyle



DeVore, Gail
Dow, Rita
Downing, Selina
Downs, Laurie
Eggens, Becky
Fishel, Bill
Fiske, Mark
Ford, Shannon



Fortenberry, Gary
Foster, Teresa
Fry, James
Fultz, Tena
Gee, Kindal
Gentry, Cliff
Gilliland, Sherri
Goff, Linda



Gowdy, David
Graham, Wanda
Griesel, Ruthie
Grout, Bobby
Guinn, Susie
Gurley, Christine
Haddock, Becky
Hamrick, Donna



Harbert, Charles
Harbert, Chris
Harper, Pam
Hatfield, Jan
Hayward, Hope
Hearne, Meoldy
Hefren, Mary
Hendrickson, Karen



Hensley, Dyke
Hilario, Teresa
Hilton, Mike



Hines, T.R.
Hinkel, Kevin
Hockenbury, Judy



Hollins, Bronson
Hollipeter, June
Hood, Pam



Junior Pam McCord works on a story in ARKLIGHT production class.

Hopkins, Melinda
Horton, Brad
Hummingbird, Mark
Hurst, Kim
Iverson, Jody
Johnson, Cheryl
Johnson, Marty
Johnson, Robert



Johnson, Sharon
Jones, James
Jordan, Lisa
Keefe, Sheri
Kelling, Kathy
Kelsey, Kelly
Kendrick, Debbie
Kennedy, Raymond



King, Brad
Kisner, Ileta
Knight, John
Koch, Kirby
Kroust, Jody
Kunkle, Nancy
Lahman, Becky
Lassman, Sharon



Ledbetter, Vicki
Lewis, David
Love, Jill
Lowrie, Robert
Lumley, Richard
Mann, Karla
Marsh, Jay
Martin, Dale



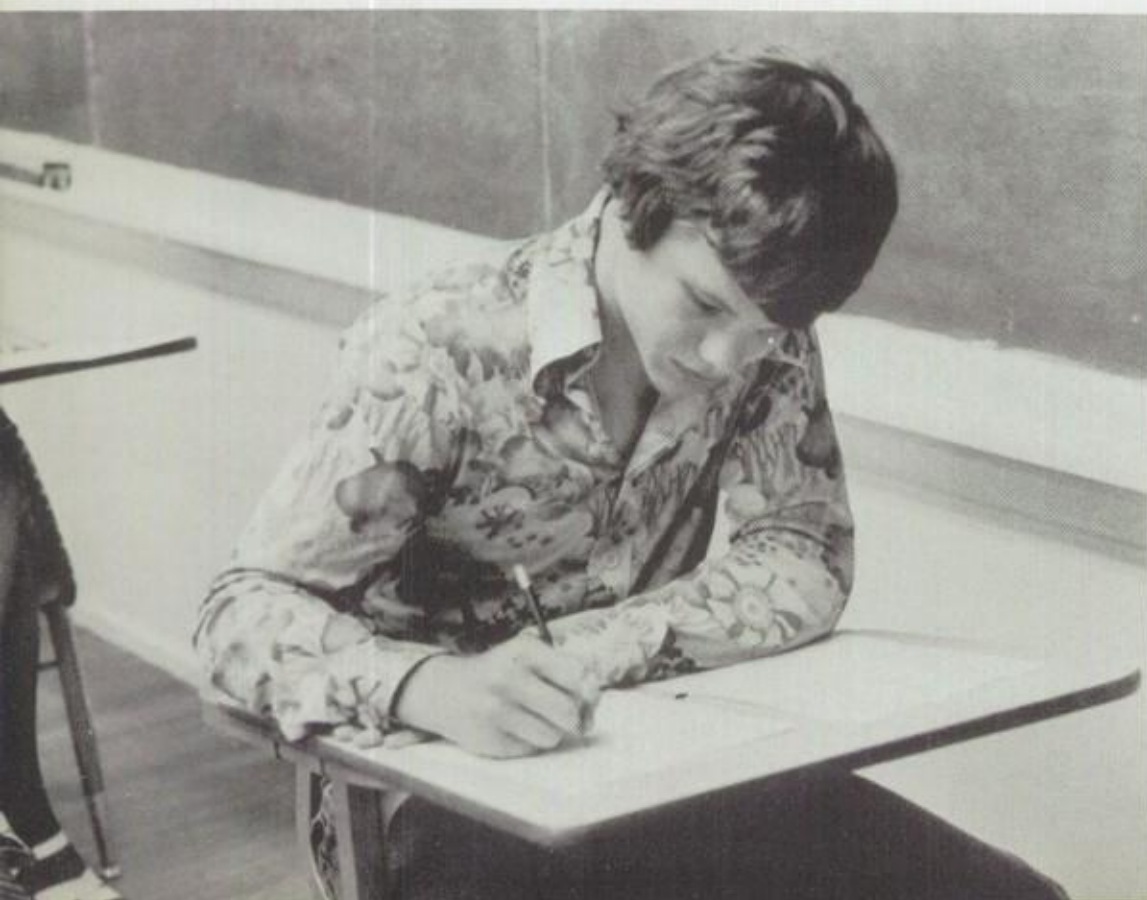
May, David
McClure, Melinda
McCord, Pam
McCoy, Tom
McDonald, James
McGowan, Debbie
McKinney, Monica
Metzinger, Jean



Meyer, Judy
Miller, Cindy
Miller, Julie
Miller, Karen
Miller, Troy
Milner, Mary
Mitchell, John
Morris, Kip



Junior Rick Teague concentrates on finishing a test in Steve Moore's Algebra II class.



Morris, Steve
Morris, Tommie
Myers, Cindy



Nelson, Brenda
Neubecker, David
Nichols, Karen



Niskern, Beth
Nulik, Dee
O'Conner, Lori





Why is Janice Campbell coming out of the men's restroom? Actually she was cleaning brushes off after refinishing furniture in a Home Economics class taught by Donna Coburn.

Ohlhausen, Pam
Oliver, Nita
Olson, Bill
Osburn, Laurie

Owen, Becky
Paisley, June
Palmer, Jeffrey
Palmer, Sherry

Parks, Leslie
Parman, Lisa
Patterson, Pam
Patton, Tracy

Perry, Phillip
Plush, Michael
Post, John
Price, Joann

Puffinbarger, Jolette
Radcliff, Rebecca
Rains, Rex
Ramey, Eshia

Ramirez, Patty
Reinkemeyer, Phil
Renollet, Brad
Rice, Ginger
Richardson, Cathy
Rindt, Kelly
Robson, Rene
Rommel, Peggy

Rydborg, Lori
Sawyer, Kelly
Schnackenberg, Kurt
Schneider, Tama
Schwartz, Sharon
Scott, Stan
Searle, Vance
Shaw, Mark

Sheldon, Craig
Shelton, Sandy
Sherman, Steve
Shirley, Debra
Shook, David
Shriver, Joe
Simmons, Patty
Simpson, Cathy

Simpson, Rebecca
Smith, Karen
Smith, Scott
Smith, Tammy
Smith, Wayne
South, Claudette
Sowden, Amy
Sparks, Dawn

Spence, Connie
Stafford, Kathy
Stamps, Cami
Stanley, Phillip
Steelman, Cathy
Sterling, Scott
Stewart, Marcia
Stockton, Danny



Stone, David
Stout, Cheryl
Stout, Kathy
Struble, Kathi
Struble, Techia
Sturd, John
Sweely, Melissa
Tannehill, J. T.



Teague, Rick
Terrill, Danny
Thielen, Hamilton
Thoma, Sue
Thompson, Tracey
Thresher, Tamara
Tieperman, Patty
Tilson, Laura



Tracy, Kevin
Vanderpool, Tim
Vannoy, Jacqueline
Van Schuyver, Tony
Vincent, Danny
Viola, Barry
Virden, Angela
Waggoner, David



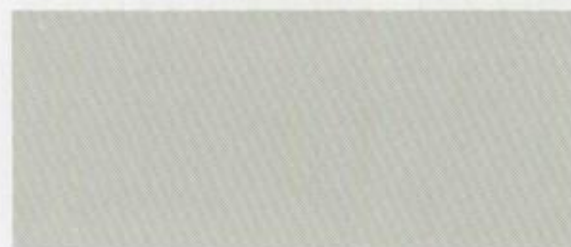
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Walker, Clint
Ward, Charles
Warfield, Karole
Watters, Michael
Watts, Joni
Wedd, Dennis
Weston, Sherilyn



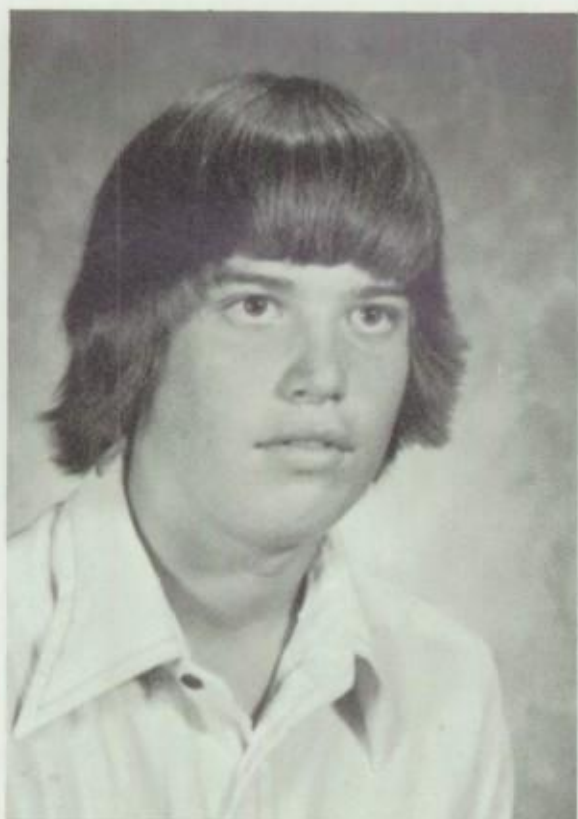
Whatley, Kathy
Whipple, Todd
White, James
White, Tony
Wiegman, Donna
Williams, Dana
Wilson, Martha
Willis, Sharon



Winegarner, Bruce
Zimmerman, Gary
Basler, Terry
Clark, Terry
Doyal, Debbie
Gentry, Cliff
Littou, Dale
Shirley, Robert



Juniors not pictured are Steve Bowker, Steve Bumpas, Rocky Canaday, Hilda Fruits, Chris Gilliland, Scott Grant, Charles Jennings, Kelly Kelsey, Jeff Larmer, Mark Leach, Camillia Martin, Dan Masterson, Brian McVay, Mike Merz, Teri Moore and Terry Trillo.



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spoken.
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ears,
and my love vanish from your
memory,
then I will come again.”

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The Class of 1977 took over when the public was generally bored with the bicentennial. They painted Salley on the sunny, warm weekend before school began and their last 180 days ended with a Pops Concert on May 20.

The Class of 1977 officers helped organize the Senior Picnic and May 20 Senior Assembly. They will also be in charge of class reunions.

Class of 1977 officers were Don Miller, president; Steve Mohler, vice-president; Mary Baucus, Secretary-treasurer; Tamar Forcum, Stuco representative.

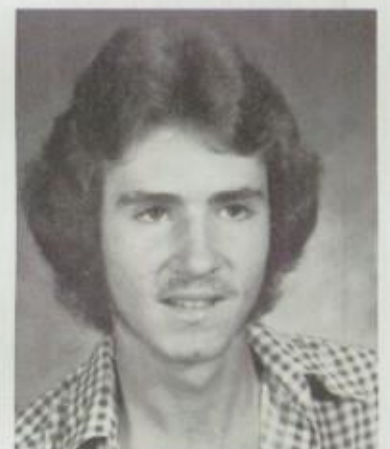
Teri Sanders, Senior

Ackerman, Wesley

Alexander, Jayne

Alvord, Lawrence

Amerman, Mark



Aucar, Maria

Austin, Debbie

Bailey, Joe

Bain, Dana





Ball, Julie

Barber, Marsha

Barnthouse, Kathy

Baucus, Mary



Bazil, Rusty

Bechtel, Lela

Beck, Janet

Bedell, Jeff



Berrian, Stephanie

Billings, Pam

Bilyeu, Mary

Bishop, Penny



Blair, Margaret

Bogart, Kent

Bonewell, Bruce

Borrer, Steve



Bowker, Becky

Boyer, Becky

Brammer, Barbara

Bridges, Linda

Brown, Peggy

Bryant, Brenda

Bushyhead, Debbie

Byers, Bernice



Callison, Lynn

Campbell, Robert

Carlson, Chris

Carson, Gail

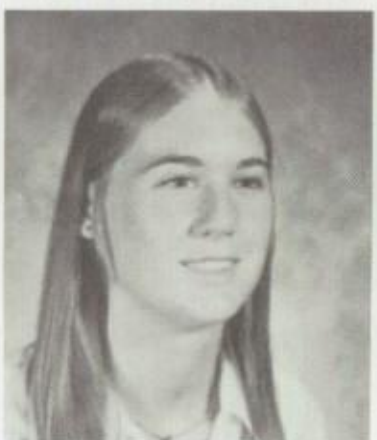


Castle, Kim

Chapin, Julie

Clemente, David

Colquhoun, David

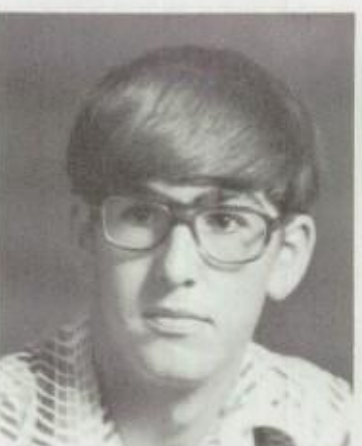


Conley, John

Conner, David

Conner, Linda

Cooper, Todd



Cox, Mike

Crews, Juanita

Decker, Pat

Dinnean, Gary





DiVall, Phil

Donohue, David

Dow, Darrell

Dow, Laninia

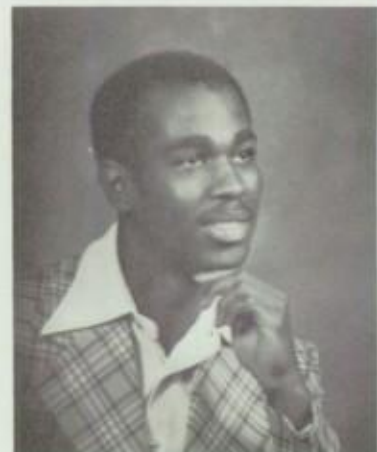


Dowell, Karol

Eagan, Mary

Eastman, Deanna

Eaton, Randy



Eldridge, Monty

Fair, Cheryl

Forcum, Tamara

Foster, Brent



Frazee, Chris



Fry, Jerry

Senior Joel Kindred takes advantage of the change in the dress code made by the USD 470 Board of Education last summer. The board has allowed boys to wear shirt tails out and to grow facial hair.

Fulcher, Tommy
 Fultz, Sharon
 Gildhouse, Jenny
 Gilmore, Beverly



Givens, Jaime
 Golay, Tammie
 Griffith, Cecille
 Grose, Jeff



Guinn, Genevieve
 Hadicke, Roy
 Harger, Mike
 Harper, Walter

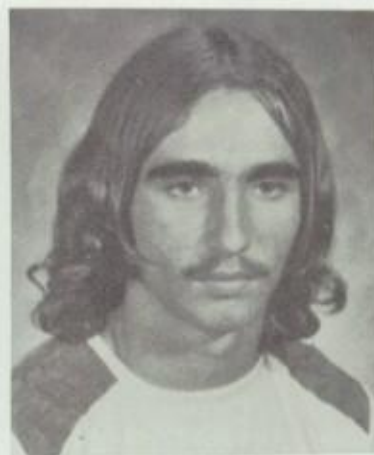


Hawkins, Rick
 Henderson, Michael
 Hiller, Kathy
 Hollins, Recardo



Hockenbury, Kim
 Hood, Karla
 Horton, Karen
 Humiston, Debbie





Hummingbird, Darlene

Hunt, Steve

Hunter, Debbie

Hunter, Jeff

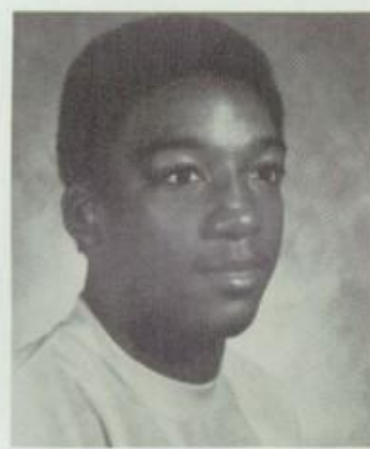


Huston, Dennis

Ingram, Ronnie

Jacobs, Randy

Jarboe, Cindy



Jennings, Cindy

Jennings, Toby

Johnson, Marceline

Johnson, Nada



Johnston, Gevan

Jordon, Chris



Jurrens, Greg

Kennedy, Jeff

Senior Jeff Kennedy demonstrated the persuasive powers of seniors as he coaxes Junior Steve Bumpas to try a knife of printer's ink.

Kindred, Joel

Knight, Paul

Knox, Judy

Kraus, Korbin

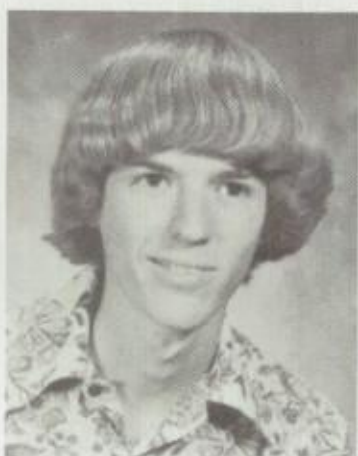


Landrum, Sharon

Larson, Dayle

Lawson, Vivian

LeClair, Rose



Lewis, Wilma

Littou, Boyd

Loehrs, Rick

Londeen, Laura



Long, Ronnie

Lower, Sue

Lowery, Debbie

Magnus, Joyce



Mann, Mark

Marrs, Kay Lynn

Marsh, Eric

Martin, Janet



Senior Mark McCoy discovers that his newly acquired eight arms will do wonders for him in Marching Band where he plays both the clarinet and the tenor saxophone.



Martin, Randy



Mathews, Denise



McCall, Leslye



McClaskey, Pena Lea



McCorgary, Daniel



McCorgary, Mary



McCormick, Terry



McCoy, Debby



McCoy, Mark



McDonald, Sandy



Mefford, Harvey



Miller, Don



Mohler, Steve



Moore, Connie

Moore, Jacque

Moore, Tammie



Morrison, Georgia

Moser, Wanda

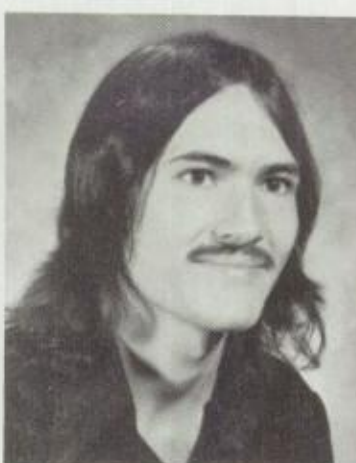


Nel, Viv

Nickle, Wayne

Nelson, Kim (Hess)

Nuckols, Nancy



Nuss, Kenny

O'Brien, Marsha

Palmer, Cindy

Palmer, Connie



Pappan, Kim

Parker, Kristi

Pearman, Jeri

Perez, Angelina



Senior Kristi Parker was selected as the ACHS foreign exchange student to Avondale Heights, Australia. Parker left Arkansas City in January and will return in December.



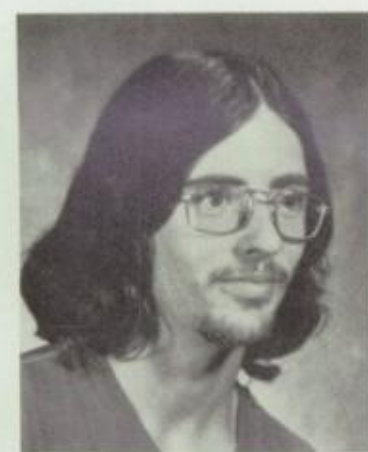
Peterson, Janet
 Peterson, Karen
 Pinegar, Penny
 Pitts, Cheryle



Poling, Cindy
 Pratt, Becky
 Priddy, Pam
 Probst, Leslie



Rakestraw, Barbara
 Ramirez, Selia
 Reed, Blain
 Reed, Steve



Richardson, Cheryl
 Richardson, Jeff
 Richardson, Robert
 Riedlinger, Mark



Rindt, Karen
 Rindt, Renata
 Robbins, Terri
 Robertson, Debbie

Robins, Terry



Rose, Donna



Senior Joyce Magnus uses her Chemistry I goggles both for protection against laboratory chemicals and against the strong morning sunlight.

Sanderholm, Brian



Sanders, Terri



Sanford, Gail



Schneider, Laurie



Schones, Greg



Seaholm, Kim



Shanks, Cindy



Sherman, James



Sherwood, Monica



Sims, Russell



Skaggs, Mike



Smith, Dale





Smith, Karen
 Smith, Rhonda
 Snow, Gerald
 Somers, Sue



Spear, Marianne
 Speer, Barry
 Stafford, Kent
 Stafford, Terry



Stalnaker, Susan
 Starr, Cathy
 Staten, Shawn
 Staten, Walter



Stover, Tad
 Streeter, Brenda
 Struble, Mary
 Summers, Glenda



Swanson, Monie
 Sweetwood, Greg
 Templar, Kent
 Terry, Rhonda

Tharp, Brad



Thompson, Jan



Tipton, Rodney



Tousley, Karen



Trent, Dirk



Unruh, Kenneth



Vaughn, Jalynn



Virden, John



Virden, Peggy



Walker, Karen



Warfield, Kelly



Webb, Doug



Weeks, Toni



Weigand, Mary



Weston, Ed



White, Tammy



Senior Nancy Nuckols walks into art teacher Caryl Buller's office to collect on a bet. Nuckols agreed to wear her hair in multi-pigtails for a full day in order to collect some extra spending money.





Whitford, Cheryl

Wilkin, Laura

Williams, Dana

Williams, Kevin

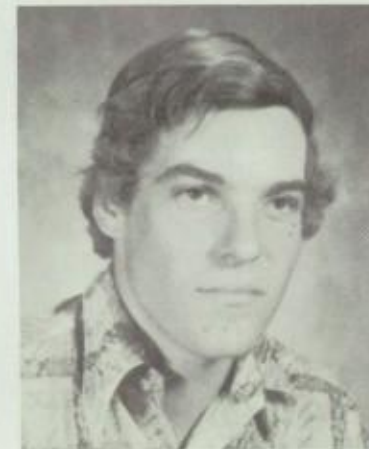


Willis, Debra

Wilson, Natalie

Wittenborn, Mark

Clark, Johnny



Curran, Lori

Griesel, Bruce

Hallman, Debbie

Hefren, Rita



Hine, Kevin

Hinson, Gary

Martin, Randy

Ming, Harry



Morris, Rene

1. Senior Linda Conner uses her lap for a homework desk as she works on Senior Steps. 2. Senior Kim Seaholm displays a "gam" as she sits in the Girls' Gym. 3. Flirt All greets Seniors Jayne Alexander and Cheryl Whitford when they open their locker. 4. "Mirror, mirror in my hand, who's the fairest in the land?" asks Senior David Clemente during ARKLIGHT class. 5. Senior

Mark Riedlinger uses all his strength to get Sneior Greg Shones to agree that Riedlinger is the greatest senior to ever grace ACHS. 6. "What's the answer to 7B?" whispers Senior Tad Stover to another Crisis of Youth student. 7. Senior Suzann Stalnaker hurries down the west hall trying to beat the bell as Marching Band has let out late once again.



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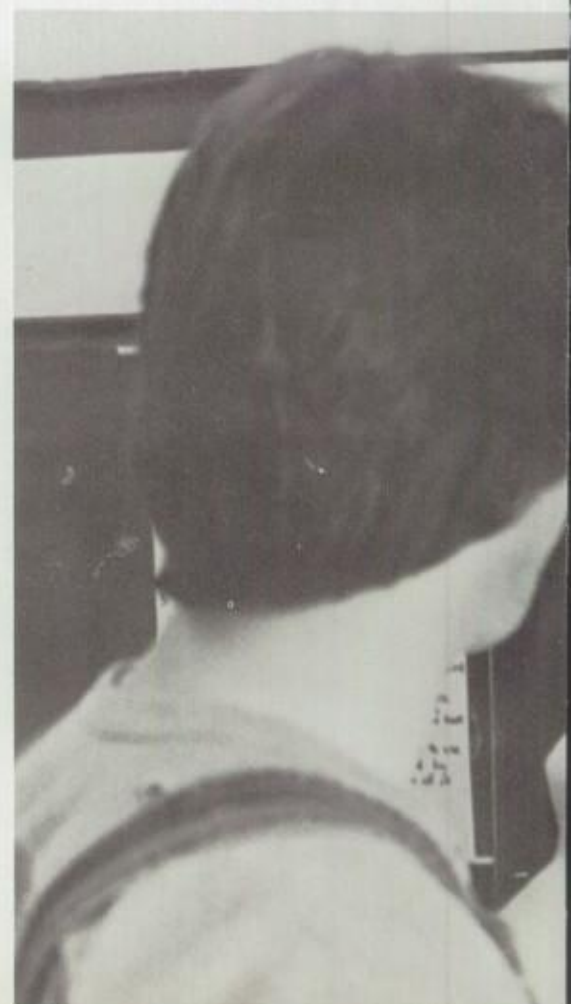


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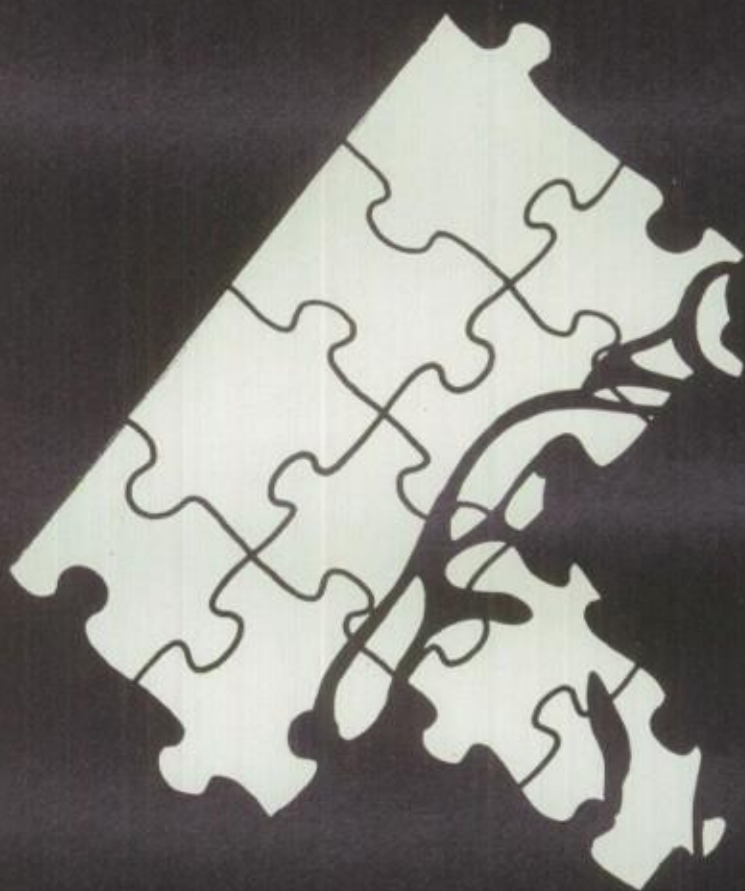
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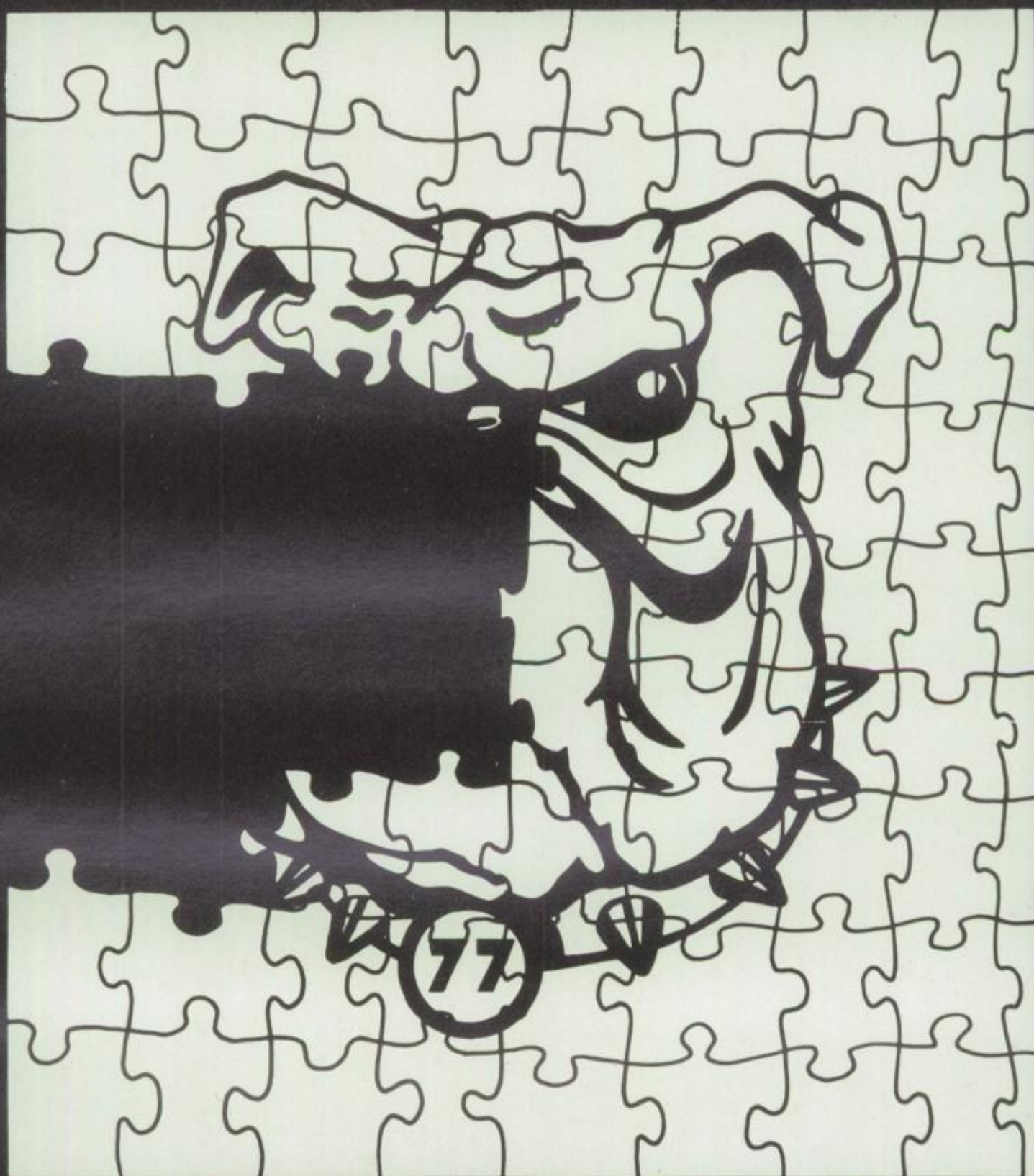


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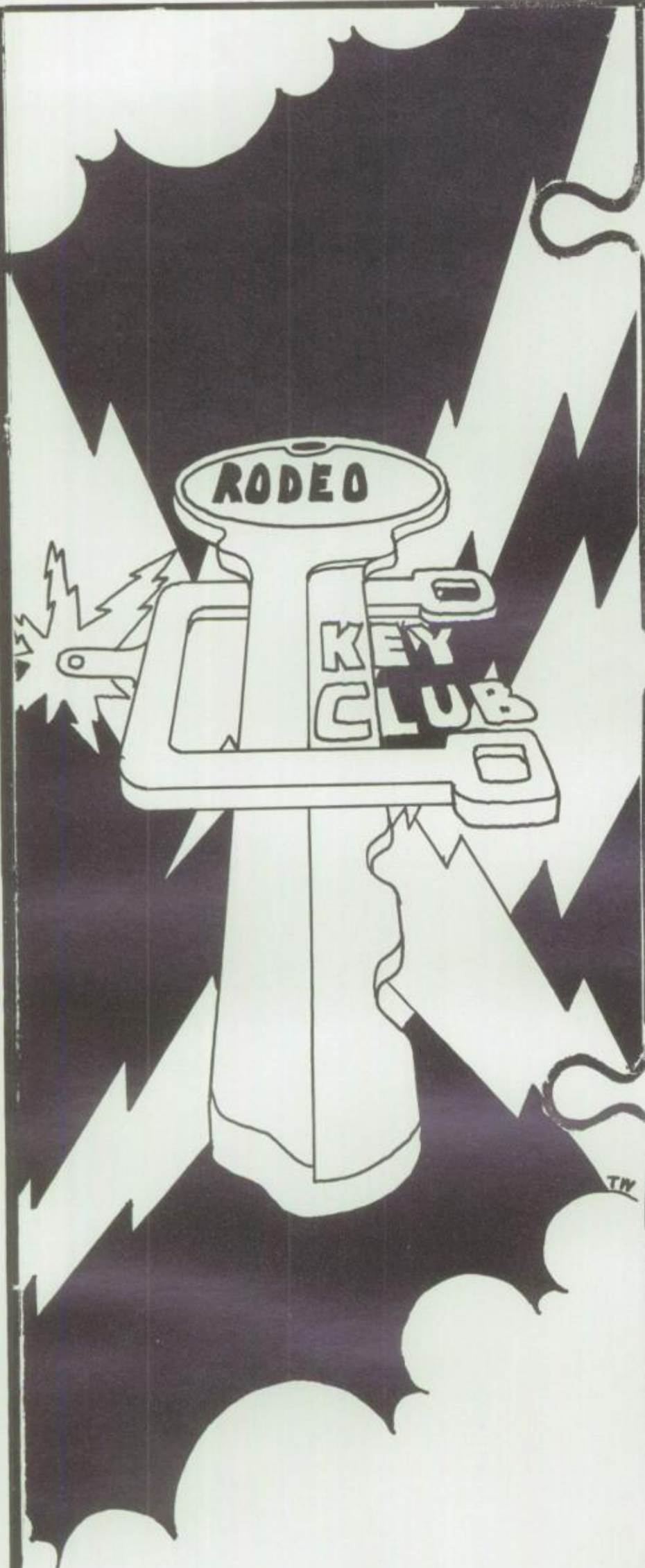
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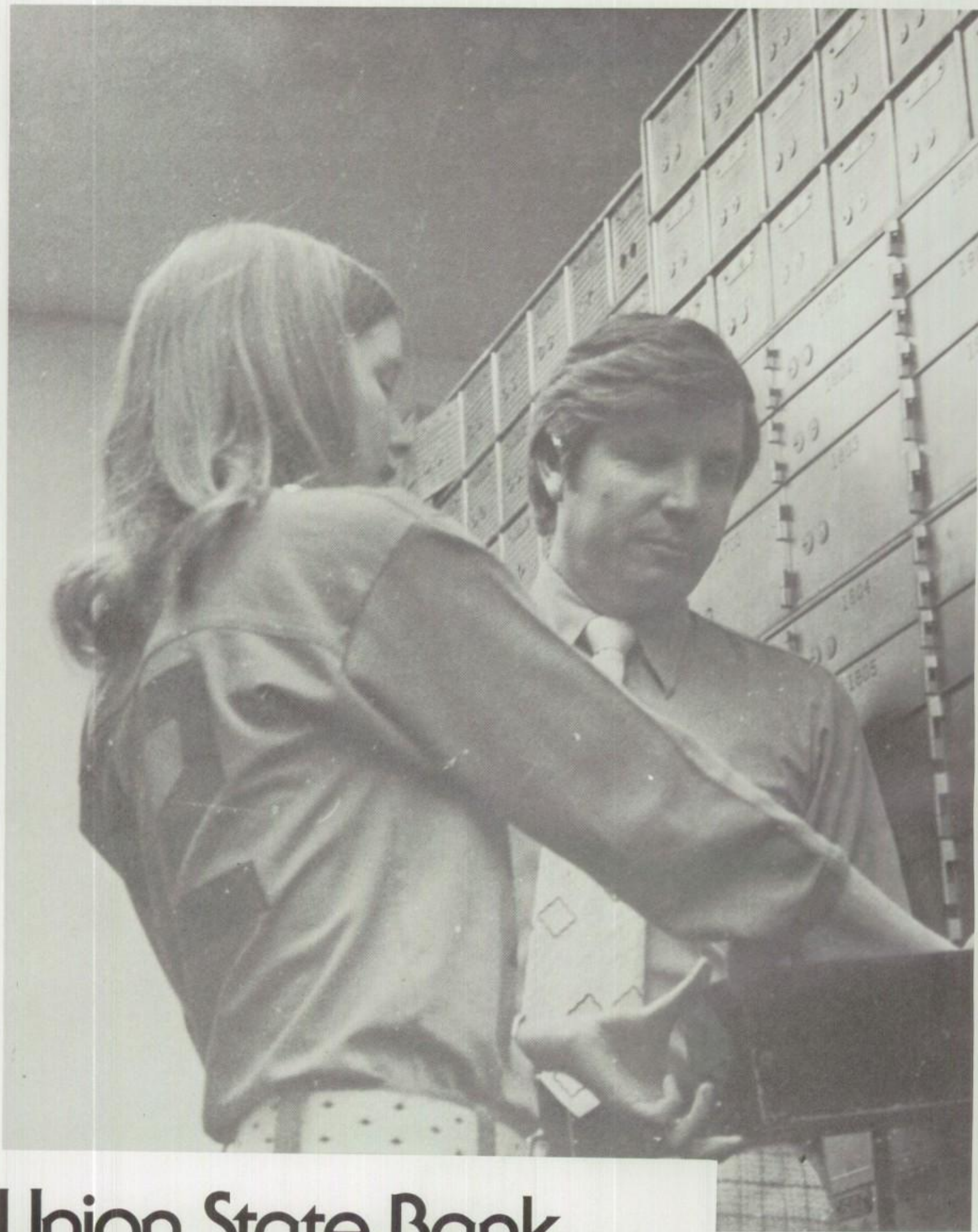
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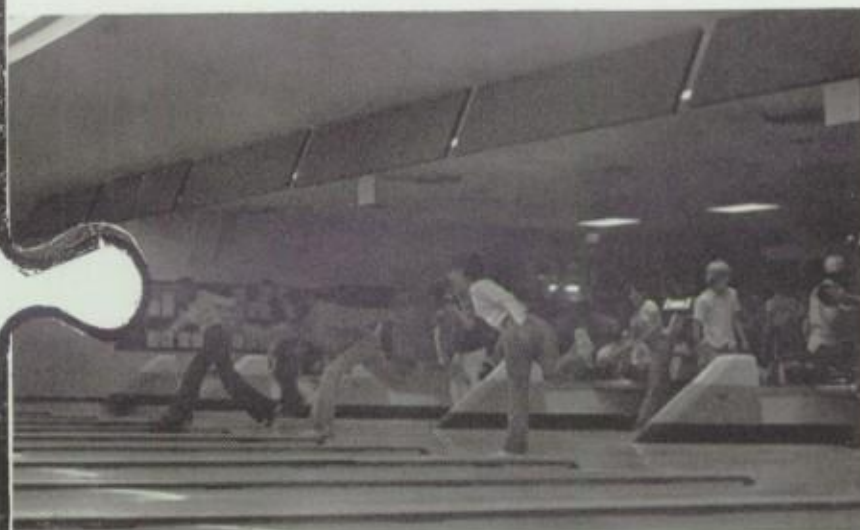
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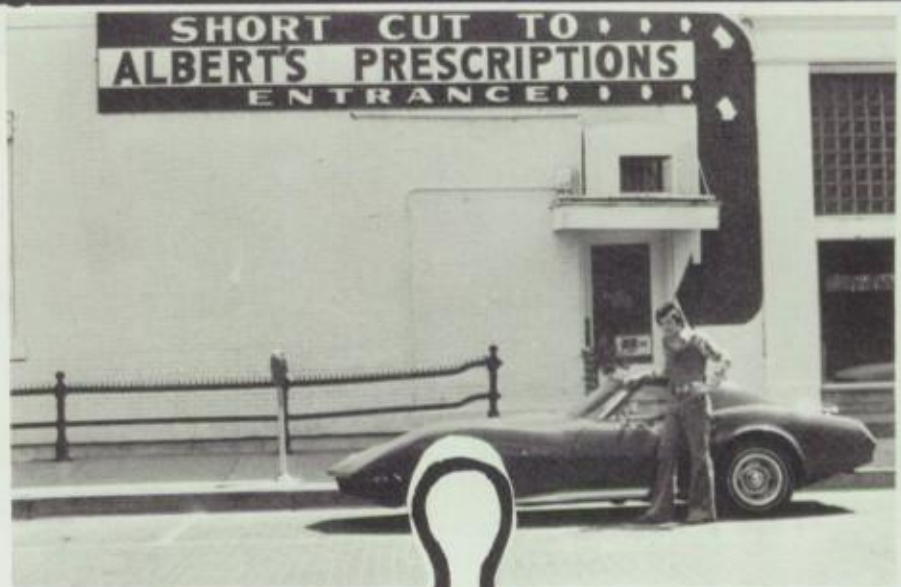
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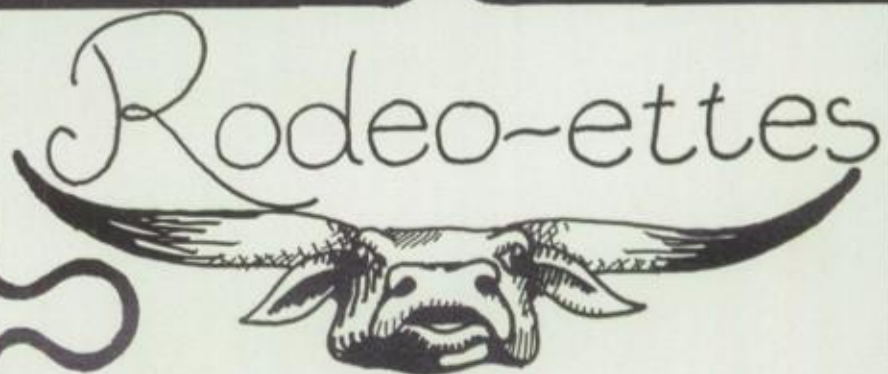
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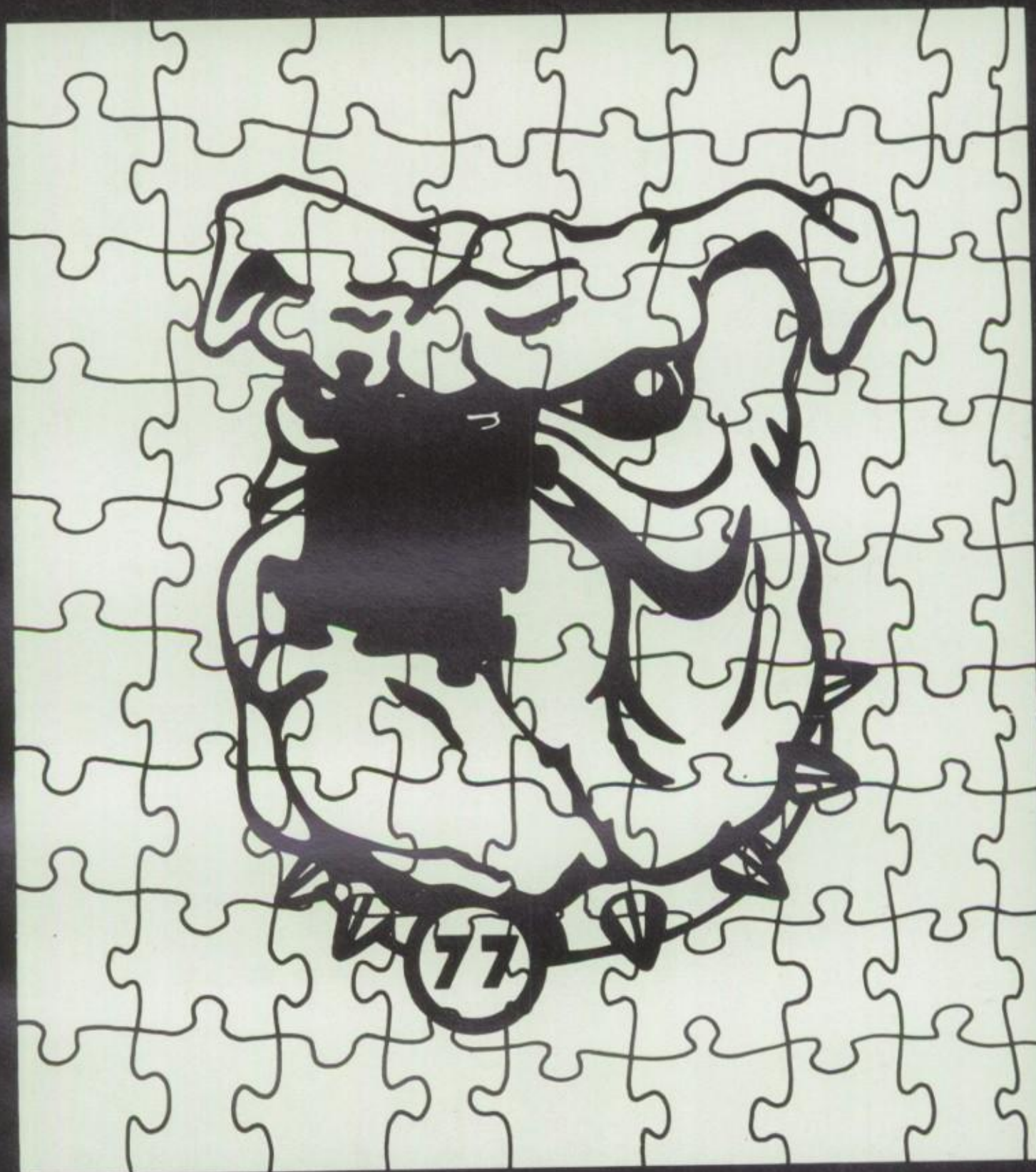
Class of
1977

Hang in there,
baby

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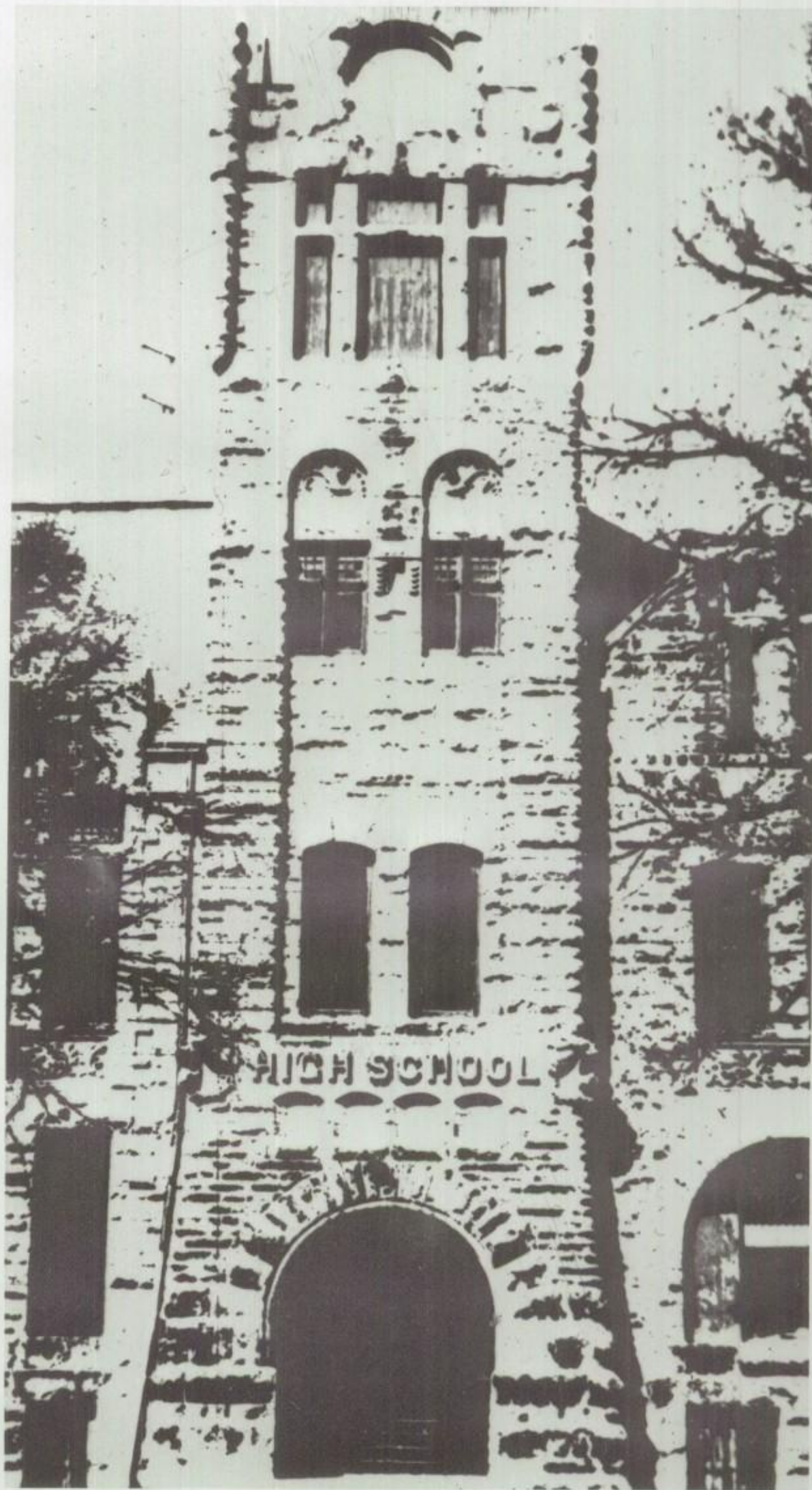
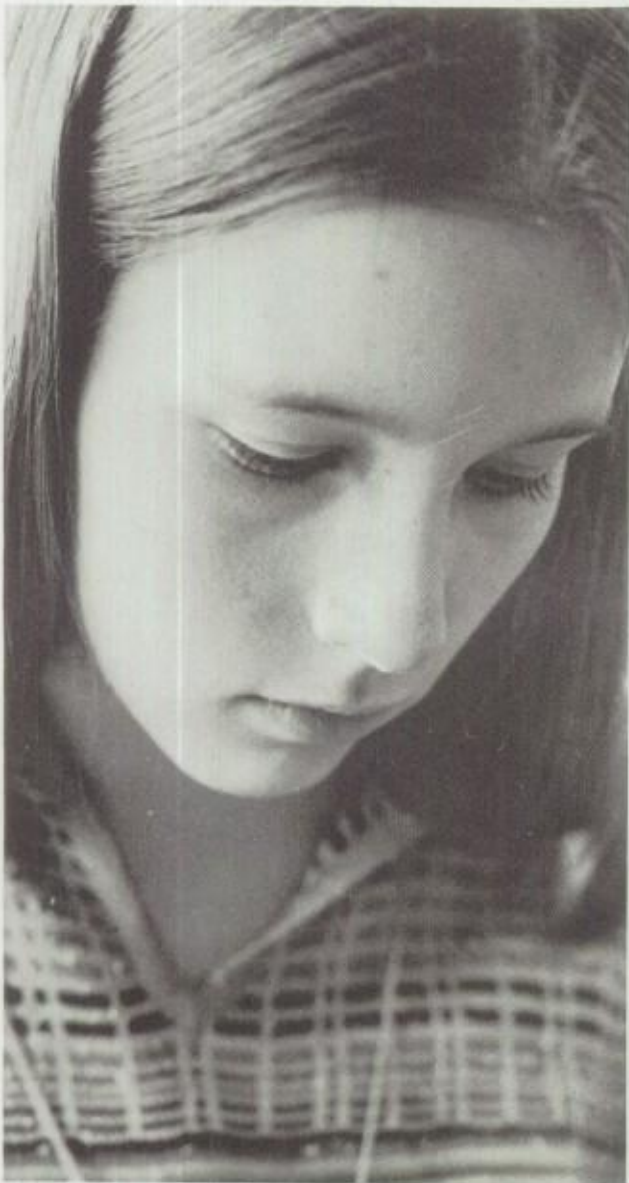


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"This building is sooooo old that..." began all the jokes about the condition of ACHS. Some students said the cracks in the floor were soooo large that you could cheat off someone's paper on the next floor. Some students said that the dips in the floors and stairs were sooo large that ACHS could single-handedly revive "Ski Kansas." One student even said that rats had voted to overthrow the school by eating the left wing of the building.

It seemed as though the jokes and talk about how old ACHS is never ceased this year. Both students and teachers complained about old, inadequate and sometimes non-working facilities at ACHS, hoping that their clamour would be enough to initiate work on a new high school.

However, as late as May there were no plans made on the actual construction of a new school building but the idea had been milled over by the USD 470 Board of

Education several times during the year.

Principal Richard Chase, who attended several of the meetings, said that he had "no idea" when the construction of a new high school might begin.

Herb Stone, USD 470 Business Manager, said that at the end of the school year that the board was still talking on whether it was necessary to build a new high school or simply remodel the present structure.

Board member Joan Olson said that a new high school would eventually be built because repairs were always being made on the present building and because metal and woodworking shops were needed.

Chase said that school board members visited other high schools during the year to get an idea of what kind of architecture and structure USD 470 might want.

Land has been acquired from Cowley County Community College (CCCC), for a possible building site. Seventy-seven acres on Radio Lane between 10th and 15th street now belongs to USD 470 though a trade with CCCC.

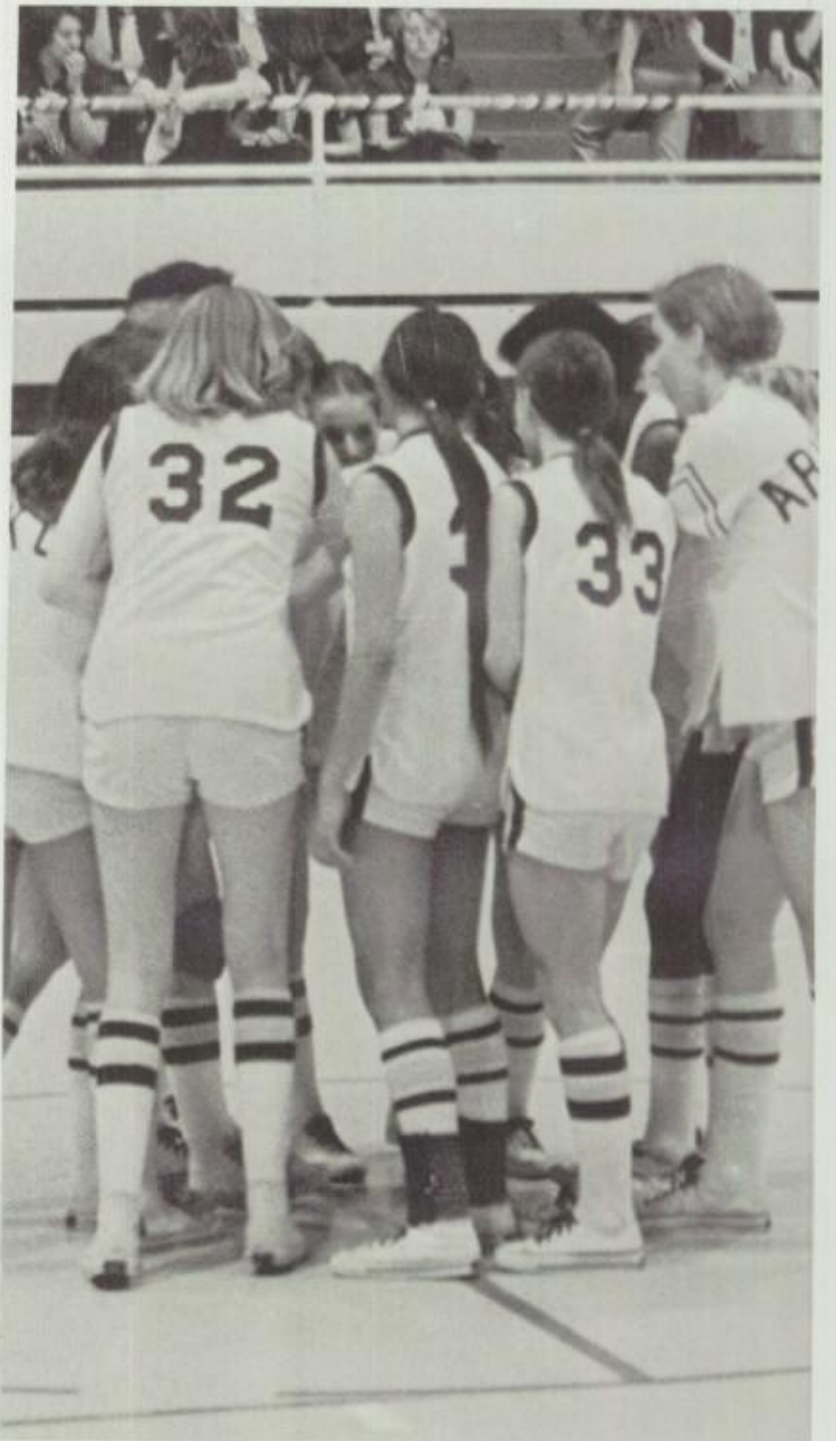
Some students and teachers renounced the throngs asking for a new school by pointing out some of the advantages of the current building that would be absent in a new school.

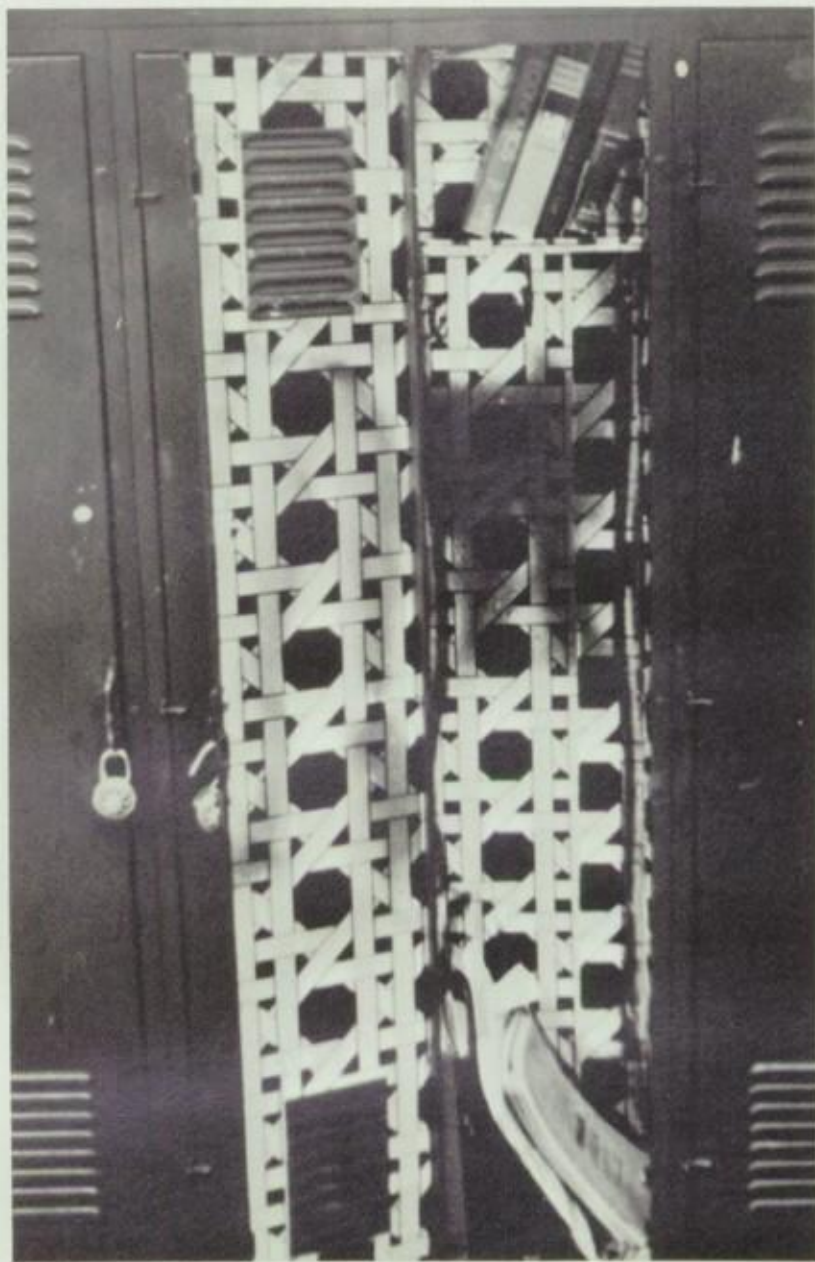
Some students said that the location couldn't be improved on, some said that a new high school wouldn't have windows like this building, some said that a new high school would have none of the traditional steps or nooks and crannies that gave this building uniqueness.

English teacher Susie Stark was one of those who opposed the building of a new high school for yet another reason. Stark said that if money was spent on a new high school that there wouldn't be money for another 50 years for equipment for that new building.

But the talk of building a new high school, pro and con, could do nothing to stop the natural round of complaints when radiators broke during the coldest day in January, when someone slipped on the stairs on a particularly rainy day or when a large wasp caught in the building insisted on chasing you around the classroom.

filling in the middle—
required pieces of friends
fellowship
and
discipline





One element of ACHS that required both discipline and good humor was the undeniable curse: THE LOCKER. Each day students faced the big war and every between-classes trip to the locker was another battle.

Simply knowing the combination is not enough. Many of the lockers require a specific, intricate system of hits and kicks, often resulting in a number of bruised knuckles and broken toes, before the locker will succumb.

Although some lockers have no mechanical problems overcrowding with at least two students' yearly supply of candy wrappers, overdue library books and a department store size collection of coats is enough to jam any working locker. However, the mechanical problems cannot be ignored.

Junior Laura Tilson states "Ev-

erytime I try to open mine, you have to kick it three times at the bottom because it sticks."

Some students try to compensate for early tenement-style lockers by decorating them. There are many reasons why students decorate lockers. To relieve boredom, to brighten the interminably long day and just to improve the locker's looks.

Jalynn Vaughn, Senior, has a special system for getting her locker shut. "You just have to kick it just right on the bottom corner," she said.

Penny Bishop, senior, said, "It gets my mind off school between classes and besides it's a tradition. I have two older brothers and they decorated their's too. Mine has stickers and carpet on the bottom and a picture of my boyfriend."

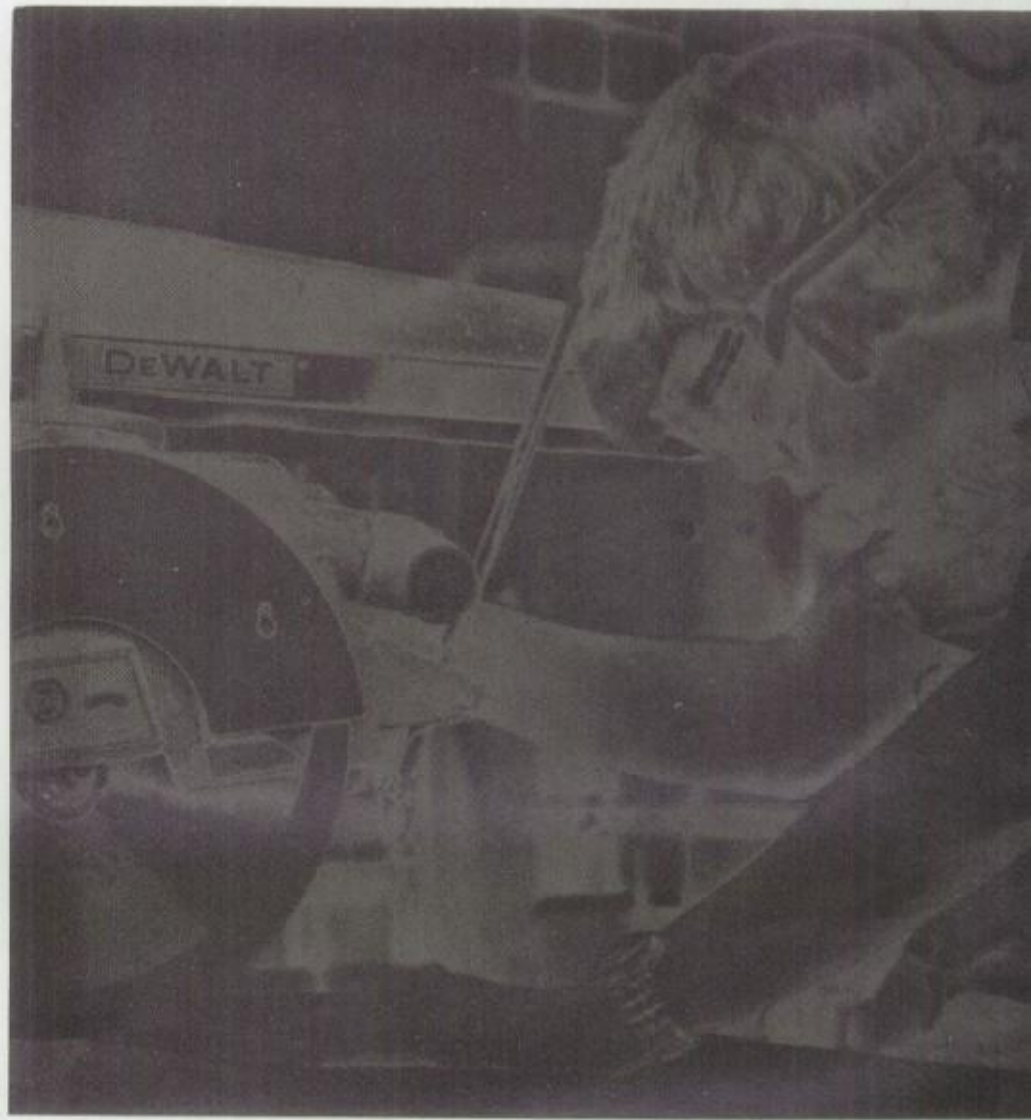
Senior Mark Riedlinger plastered the inside of his locker with pictures

of rock stars to "change the appearance."

The lockers have also had a small problem with theft and vandalism during the year. Assistant Principal Gary Akers said that this problem could have been avoided if students had not given locker combinations to others and if students had kept money and other valuables out of their lockers or at home.

There has been an increase in the number of thefts from lockers at the Aud-Gym this year said Boys' Basketball Head Coach Bill Means, who also teaches physical education classes at the Aud-Gym. However, the Arkansas City Police discovered the person(s) responsible for these thefts, Akers said.

Whenever students question the need to go to school at all, the small highlights and pet peeves of things such as lockers eases the sometimes bitter medicine called high school.



most importantly
it meant
trying all the pieces:
self-exploration





In exploring ourselves we learn that we must take responsibility for our actions. One aspect of this responsibility is exploring and planning possibilities for our future.

For 1977 seniors, planning for the future meant answering this question: Do I want to go to college?

Once a senior had answered YES, new questions arose: Which one? How do I afford it?

The problem of choosing a college required many careful considerations. Aside from cost, students had to think about the distance, reputation and requirements for admissions.

Senior Karen Horton chose Emporia Kansas State College (EKSC) because "they have a good business department, and business is what I want to major in."

"It isn't too far from home," Horton added. "I'm considering being a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Emporia is rated second in the state in passing the CPA exam."

The University of Kansas in Lawrence was the choice of Senior Maria Aucar. She said that she liked the fact that "it has a good business department plus a good foreign language department."

Counselors Richard Hawkins and Florence Stephens said that advising students about college took a lot of their time.

"The process has been time-consuming because of talking to individuals when they didn't attend college information sessions," said Hawkins.

Hawkins said, however, that the counselors' services on colleges had not been utilized enough this year.

"When we had meetings concerning financial aid in the evenings with parents and students, room 215 was only one-third filled," Hawkins said.

"We couldn't get people to commit themselves to a college; they wouldn't even explore," he said.

Only about 10 per cent of the Class of 1977 inquired with the counselors about financial aid, said Stephens.

The number of students seeking out the counselors for financial aid information was small, said Hawkins, because students either knew about the programs already and applied on their own or because students thought that their families didn't have enough financial need to qualify.

Most financial aid deadlines for colleges were Feb. 15. "Many seniors waited too long to make up their mind about going to college and then missed the financial aid deadlines," said Hawkins.

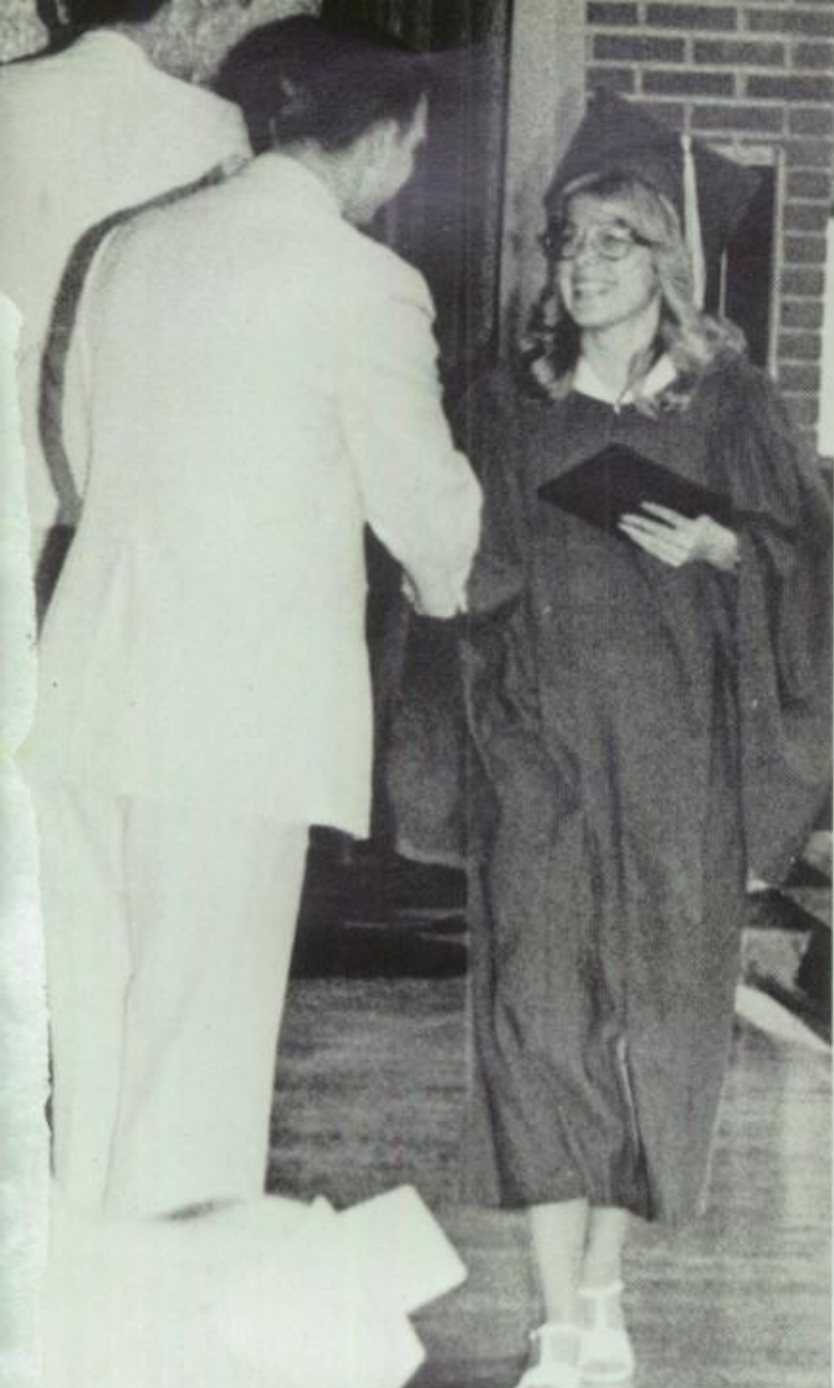
Approximately 30 seniors received some kind of financial aid for college next year, Stephens added. Jeri Pearman, senior



during our lifetime
we often pause
to remember once more
that we are a part
of all we have known

assembling
ACHS 1977—
a year of struggles
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"Ah, this yearbook ain't no good. I only got my picture in here once."

Just what *is* the purpose of a yearbook? A yearbook has many purposes so say salesmen, journalism teachers and yearbook companies. They all say that yearbooks are sacred historical records, public relations devices, yearly almanacs and professional memory books.

Now, is the purpose perfectly clear?

To a lot of yearbook staffs and onlookers it isn't. So the 1977 MIRROR staff has modified those purposes slightly so that our purpose is much more like the old television show: **THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS**. Our purpose, therefore, has been to tell and illustrate: **ACHS 1977: THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS**.

In the immediate future when first examining this book, you will not be able to fully judge whether the 1977 MIRROR staff has fulfilled its purpose. The true test of our

success will occur approximately 15 to 20 years from now when you consult this book for the name of that classmate you thought you'd never forget or for the name of that whip-in-hand teacher who made you work like you never had before or for those faded fads and issues of the time in your life that you were sure would be the nest and most cherished.

If 20 years from now the 1977 MIRROR staff can take you back to 1977, good or bad, then we can we called the success for which we hoped.

The MIRROR staff met with many struggles and problems this year; a broken camera, no water, lost cutlines, bad negatives. The list seemed endless. During the year different people aided the staff in different ways. Without their assistance the 1977 MIRROR wouldn't have made it. Special thanks to:

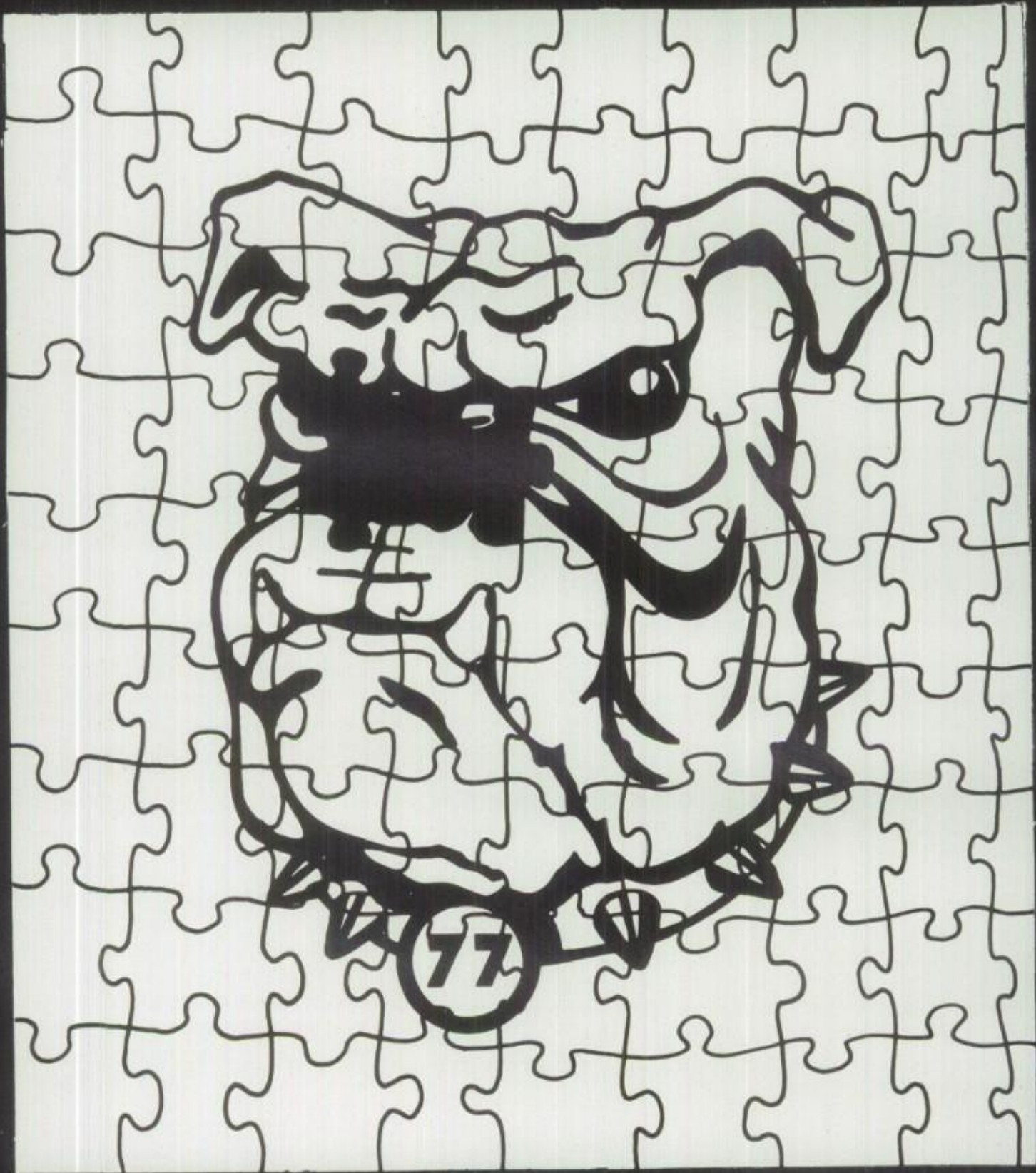
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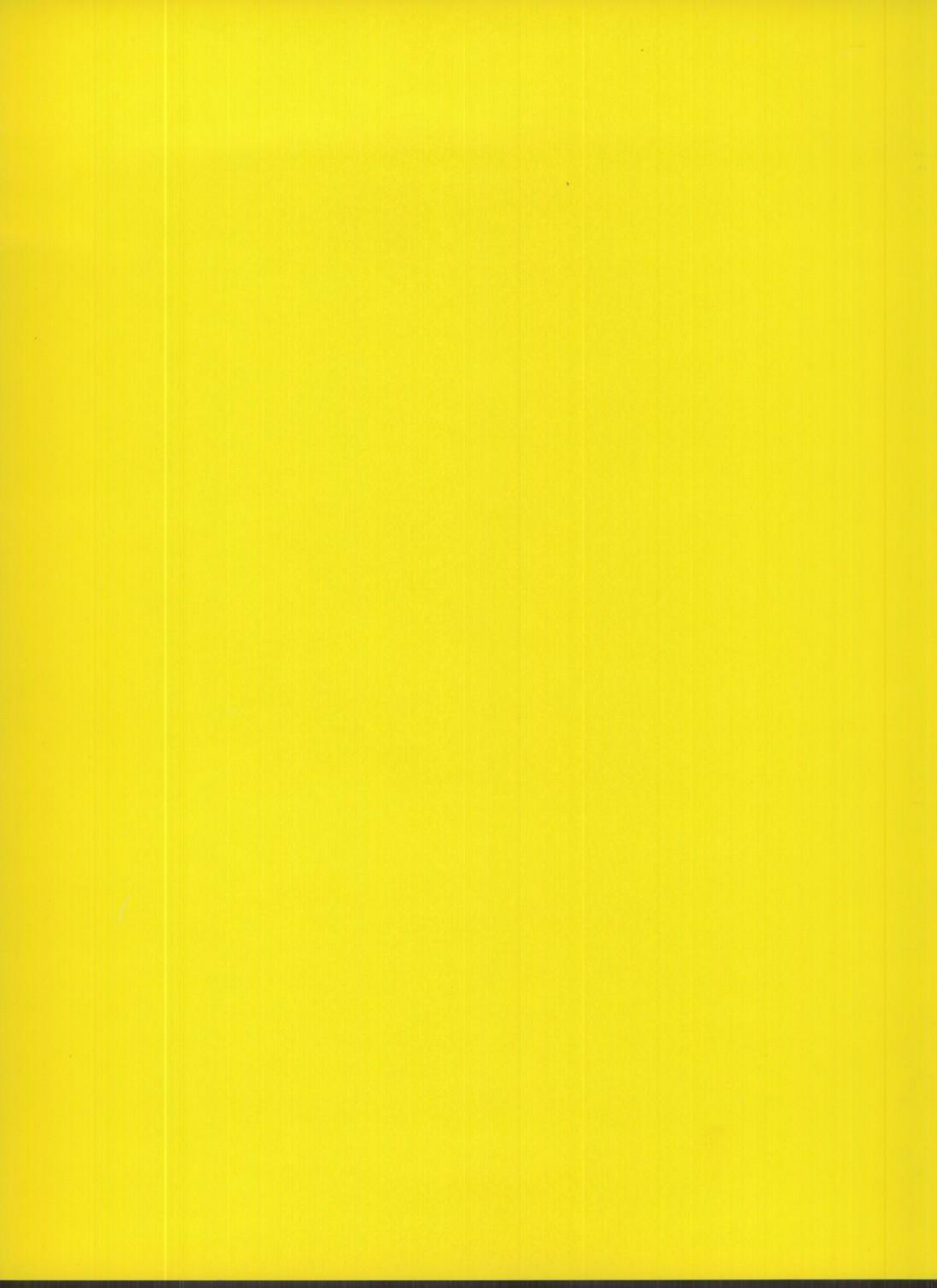




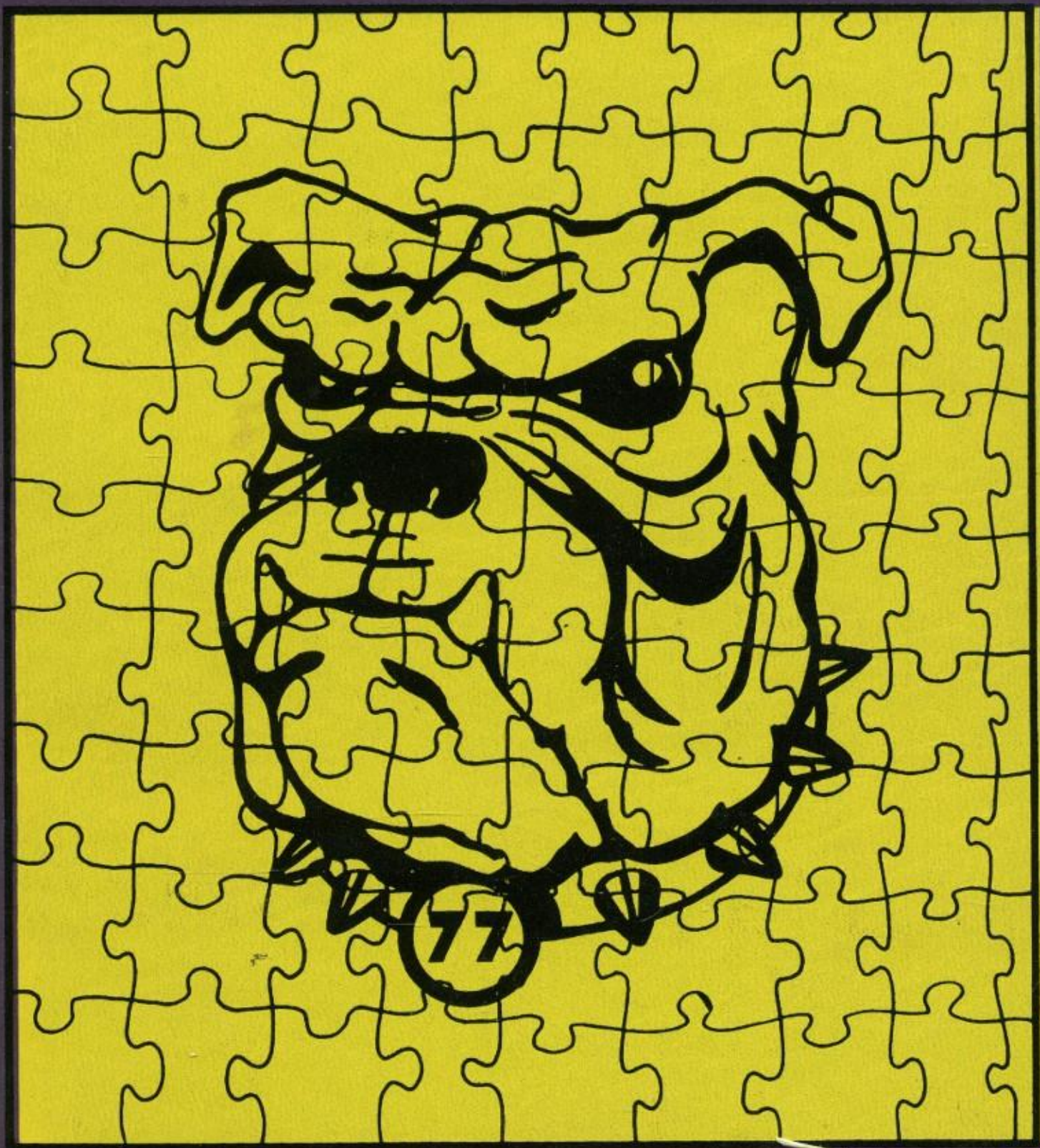












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